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Call for tighter controls at clinics

Test-tube baby doctor helps HIV women

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

BRITAIN'S leading test-tube baby doctor blew open the ethical debate on fertility treatsterday by offering to help HIV-positive women to

Professor Lord Winston has already treated a former heroin user against the wishes of most of his colleagues although without success and he has several other infected patients on his books.

His decision prompted immediate calls for tighter controls on the fertility clinics which treat 18,000 women a year, although the British Medical Association said that doctors should be trusted to use their judgment.

The former heroin user treated by Lord Winston had been HIV-positive for ten years and had been refused treatment by another clinic five years ago because she had the virus. She was referred to Professor Winston in 1994 and his initial reaction was that he would not help, but he

changed his mind after talk-ing to her and her husband. She had been clean of drugs for eight years and in a totally supportive relationship for five. Although she had the Aids virus — caught from a boyfriend when she was 19 she was quite well. Lord Winston calculated that there was a 10 to 15 per cent risk of her child being born with the virus, which could be reduced to 7 per cent by antiviral drugs

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and a Caesarean delivery. Lord Winston consulted the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, which was worried in principle about the problems involved, but left that the decision should be taken by doctor and patients; the chairman of the ethics committee at the Hammersmith Hospital clinic favoured

But Lord Winston's staff were almost all against the idea and at a stormy meeting of his 70-strong team, mothers argued that they could not

6 Yes, HIV is a potential death sentence ... but we allow many quite ill women to go

pregnancy? – Professor Robert Winston writes on page 16

through with

allow the unit to bring a child into the world who might die

or whose mother might die. Lord Winston decided to proceed anyway, and charitable money was used to pay the £1,700 bill. Had the treatment succeeded, the woman would probably have been the first in the world to have a test-tube baby knowing she was HIVpositive. But it failed and the couple have not tried again.

Defending his actions, Lord Winston said: "It was the right thing to do in this case. I would do it again given somebody who had a very, very long period of not demonstrating any disease and with the same very secure situation,

knowing that in the likelihood of the mother dying, the partner would still be there to support and care for the child.

There is no evidence that some people with HTV do not develop full-blown Aids. That was a major factor. I can't imagine treating somebody who actually had Aids or anyone who had been HIVpositive for only a few years. even if they were well."

Another HTV-positive woman he was considering treating was infected by a blood transfusion after a road traffic accident. He has also seen a laboratory technician who was infected at work by a splash of blood.

Baroness Warnock, who chaired the inquiry into testtube techniques, said: "The risk (of the baby inheriting HIVI is no greater than his or getting it from somebody else in due course", and Richard Lane of the National Family Trust said: "Every child has the risk of inherited health defects. I wouldn't want to classify HIV as different."

While the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority felt the decision should be left to doctors, it said it would investigate any clinic that developed a general policy of treating HIV-positive

But the Liberal Democrat MP David Alton criticised the authority for not intervening, saying: They really are the most pathetic lot. When you turn the creation of life into just another consumerist act. it leads to many unacceptable moral and ethical problems,"



Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, wants household bills cut by £50 a year

Gas chief says price cuts could cost 10,000 jobs

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

ABOUT 10,000 jobs would be at risk if tough price curbs are forced on British Gas, the company claimed yesterday after the industry regulator revealed plans to cut customers' bills by about £50 a year.

The Ofgas proposals for tighter controls on the pipeline business TransCo were far harsher than the City had been expected and British Gas shares slumped 27p to 201p.

The deputy chairman Philip Rogerson declared it "a very black day for Sid" and said the controls would not leave the company with enough cash to invest in pipelines and safety measures. "If these proposals were implemented they would represent one of the biggest smash-and-grab raids ever and destabilise this industry at a time of high risk," he said. The company would have to halve its workforce to imple ment the "ill-conceived and impractical" proposals and

still stay in business. But consumers' groups and Labour welcomed Spottiswoode's plans, which she said would leave householders about £30 better off next year, rising to £50 at the end of the five-year review period. She wants British Gas's pipeline business to take a one-off cut of between 20 and 28 per cent in its revenues from the independent gas companies using the network next year. After that, they must fall by 5 per cent a year in real terms.

These reduced payments to suppliers - including the company's own supply arm would feed through to customers and Ms Spottiswoode said that would redress the balance between shareholders and consumers.

Margaret Beckett, Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, tempered a welcome for the proposals with concern over

safety. She said: "These proposals show that regulation can and must work for the customer. Labour believes, however, that safety and security of supply are para-mount, and we will look at what both TransCo and the regulator have to say in that

lan Powe, director of the Gas Consumers' Council, said that the proposals meant that consumers had paid £100 a year too much since the last price review in 1994. But he also warned of investment implications: "If the picture is only half as bad as British Gas



paints it, it is a very serious matter for the public interest."
The GMB union, the main union for TransCo workers. also sounded fears for safety. Donald Macgregor, GMB national secretary for gas workers, said: "The regulator is cutting but the cost could be reduced safety and no real benefit to customers.

British Gas and Ofgas have until next month to negotiate when the regulator will produce her final curbs. The row is then likely to move to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

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Chirac praise for Britain

de President Chirac, in a rare audience in the Elysee palace, expressed sympathy for the plight of British cattle farmers and said France would back any relaxation of the beef ban approved at a European level. He spoke of his fond memories of postwar Britain and said that the Franco-British alliance is as vital to France as is its relationship with Germany Page II

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Ceasefire hope

Sir Patrick Mayhew fuelled intense speculation about a renewed IRA ceasefire when he welcomed Sinn Fein's claim that the IRA was "open to persuasion". He said that political parties could raise any issue at the coming all-Page 2



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Labour plans holiday cuts | Mitre for opponent | in streamlined parliament of women priests

By Philip Webster, political editor

A RADICAL shake-up of the workings of Parliament, including the abolition of the long summer recess and substantially increased powers for Commons committees, is to be proposed by the Labour leadership today. Presenting proposals de-

signed to modernise Parliament and clean up politics, it will suggest more flexible ways of handling legislation in the Commons, with an end to the "bunching" of big events including the Queen's Speech and the Budget, in the autumn. In a move already raised with the Government, Labour is to propose that senior civil servants should be able to work for Opposition parties as well as the Government of the day.

Under the plan to make the

more effective Britain would follow the practice in other European countries of allowing civil servants to be "attached" to senior figures in the Opposition. The foreign policy adviser to the Leader of the Opposition may be paid for

out of the public purse. Under Labour the system of select and standing committees could be streamlined with the new bodies given powers to confirm public appointments such as heads of agencies and to hold quangos to account. There will also be proposals to make Parliament less confrontational.

The ideas, many of which are backed by Tony Blair, will be put forward at a London conference on the constitution organised by the Charter 88 lobbying group by Ann Tayoperation of the Opposition lor, the Shadow Leader of the

Commons. She will suggest all-party talks on Mr Blair has backed plans

to end Prime Minister's Questions in their present form. Mrs Taylor will suggest amaigamating the two 15-minute weekly sessions into one halfhour session in which the Prime Minister of the day would be given more notice of questions although the Opposition leader will still be given the element of surprise and not have to declare his questions in advance.

Mr Blair favours the idea of an experiment in the early days of a Labour government, with one 15-minute session in the present style and the new half-hour session. Labour will also ask the

Noian Committee to look at the funding of political parties.

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the strongest opponents of women priests in the Church of England is to be appointed bishop in a move that will be welcomed warmly by traditionalists and will enrage the centre and liberal wings of the Church. The Rev



Broadhurst: appointment will anger liberals

John Broadhurst, Team Rector of Wood Green in north, London and head of the traditionalist umbrella group Forward in Faith, is to become

Bishop of Fulham. The appointment, by the new Bishop of London, the Right Rev Richard Chartres, will be welcomed widely in London, where his supporters have repeatedly expressed concern that he has been passed over for promotion. But it will be viewed with dismay by women priests and their supporters and could deepen the rifts in a diocese that is the most divided in the

Bishop Chartres will also announce that Dr John Sentamu, Vicar of Tulse Hill in south London, is to become the Continued on page 2, col 3

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'Stimulating' bomb hoax blows up in teacher's face

BY KYLE SMITH

A TEACHER'S attempts to fire her pupils' imagination by staging a fake terrorist attack on their school backfired when the terrified children began crying and complained to their

parents. Carol Wilson, a teacher at South Bersted Church of England Primary School in Bognor Regis, West Sussex, planted a ticking box inside the building and arranged for a colleague to enter the class of 9 to 11-year-olds to announce that a bomb warning had been received by telephone.

According to pupils, Mrs Wilson then asked them to look for the bomb. A boy found a box with a ticking alarm clock inside which the teacher then took outside handling it as if it were a real bomb. One girl burst into tears and only then did Mrs Wilson tell the children the bomb was a fake. She asked them to write an essay about what had happened.

Now parents of the frightened children are angry because they say a real IRA attack, which rattled the school's windows in August 1994, is still fresh in the memory. They have demanded that Mrs Wilson be disciplined. Deborah Cronin said her son Danny, ten, was so shaken by the experience that he could not speak about it for a week.

Becky Maw, the school's headteacher, defended Mrs Wilson, saying:
"It was obviously not a bomb. We

have to do things to capture the children's imagination." Jane Robinson, a spokeswoman for the county council, said the hoax was "a means to try and stimulate the

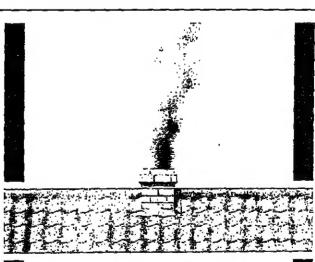
children's imagination" but added: "We feel a misjudgment was made and we are investigating the matter."

The uncle of a ten-year-old pupil in the class said: "I was outraged. People have been sent to prison for saying that there is a bomb, even in jest. It's a criminal offence, isn't it?"

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Balmy House gets curiouser and curiouser

MATTHEW PARRIS

WHEN Eric Illsley (Lab, Barnsley Central) intervened thern Ireland to mention the shock to Short Brothers caused by the demise of Fok-ker, Deputy Speaker Dame Janet Fookes sat up sharply. Had she heard something unparliamentary? She had not. You could have

slept through yesterday after-noon at the Commons and missed nothing but a brief. sparkling exchange with Michael Heseltine.

It was a planted question, of course. All too often what masquerades as an impromptu parliamentary exchange has in reality been scripted beforehand.

Ministers prime their fa-

SIR PATRICK MAYHEW for

elled intense speculation about a renewed IRA ceasefire

vesterday when he welcomed

Sinn Fein's claim that the IRA

was "open to persuasion"

In a sign of renewed co-

operation with Sinn Fein, the

Northern Ireland Secretary,

also made clear that he accept-

ed its demands that political

parties could raise any issue at

the all-party talks that are due

A warmer relationship be-

tween London and Sinn Fein was also signalled by a posi-

tive response from Gerry Adams's party, which said that Sir Patrick had raised the

"possibility of a meaningful

discussion on constitutional

British ministers, who re-

main adamant that Sinn Fein

can join the talks only if the

IRA ceasefire is restored, were

backed yesterday by strong

pressure from Washington

aimed at bringing the recent

bombing campaign to an end.

pressure, the White House

began publicly urging the IRA

to restore its ceasefire. Nancy

Soderberg, President Clinton's

senior Irish affairs expert,

said: "It is now getting so that

there's no justification for a

continued bombing cam-

After months of private

and political change".

about a new truce.

to start on June 10.

vourite poodles on the backbenches with the desired question, it is duly asked, and the minister comes back quick as a flash with his prepared reply. Boom-boom. It only works, however, when the script is good enough and the minister is as professional showman as Michael

Tory MPs had read reports in Saturday's Times of a rift between Peter Mandelson. Tony Blair's communications guru, and Gordon Brown, Shadow Chancellor. During questions to the Deputy Prime Minister yesterday Jacques Arnold (C. Gravesham) asked Mr Heseltine whether he had had any problem with colleagues in the Cabinet refus-

Mayhew welcomes

Sinn Fein hint

of fresh ceasefire

By Nicholas Watt and Arthur Leathley, and Martin Fletcher in washington

POLITICAL SKETCH ing to speak to each other for

The Government benches hugged themselves with pleasure as Heseltine replied. He shared Mr Arnold's compassion for the Shadow Cabinet. "I would be very happy to make an offer to Mr Blair to hold some sort of reception so that members of the Shadow Cabinet can get together in convivial circumstances and sort out their difficulties in private," he said.

The Tories, bruised as they are, were enjoying this, and for once Dennis Skinner failed to spoil their fun. He added to it, rising to accuse Heseltine of cheek. Ah, said Hezza, for all the world as though Skinner's intervention was in his script. too: "I am very happy to invite you to the reception too - and then the Shadow Cabinet can really learn what 'new' Labour

is all about." It was a warm afternoon. MPs leaned back on the benches to try to picture the party Mr Heseltine might give a tea party: the Mad Hezza's Tea Party. The Shadow Chancellor would be Brown March Hare and Peter Mandelson would have to be Alice. Hezza would soon have the two of them talking to each other ...
"Take some more tea," the March Hare said to Alice.

very earnestly. I've had nothing yet," Alice replied in an offended tone, "so I can't take more."
Robin Cook, regarded as too

small and hairy to be important in new Labour but actually rather bright, would have to be the Dormouse, squeaking impotently from the teapot as the Brown March Hare much logical coherence as the assorted utterances of Opposition frontbenchers . . .

"Have some wine." the March Hare said in an encouraging tone. Alice looked all round the table, but there was nothing on it but tea. "I don't see any wine," she re-marked. "There isn't any." said the Hare.

But what part would Brown's and Mandelson's Leader play in our Alice in Wonderland world? Remember the Cheshire Cat?

"This time it vanished quite slowly, beginning with the end of the tail, and ending with the grin, which remained for some time after the rest of it had gone."



Sir Patrick Mayhew samples a pint at the opening of a new Belfast brewhouse

statement from Washington, Senator Chris Dodd, the Democratic Party chairman, told BBC radio that "until this ceasefire is resumed I would strongly urge the President not to be extending visas to Gerry Adams". Before now Mr Dodd has strongly supported visas for the Sinn Fein leader. Last year he played a key role in persuading Mr

Adams: makes positive

response to Sir Patrick

Clinton to let Mr Adams raise funds in America. The Washington moves came as British ministers prepare to accept plans for the destruction of terrorist weapons to be discussed separately paign." In another significant from the main talks. Although

ment, has angered Unionists, ministers believe that separate discussions are the only way of keeping the talks going. Sir Patrick yesterday underlined the importance of keeping all the parties in

the proposal, put forward last

month by the Irish Govern-

negotiations once the talks begin. Speaking in Belfast, he said that London and Dublin had agreed that there would be "general discussions on an open agenda with nothing preordained, nothing ruled out, nothing ruled in. It is just as important that that should be made clear as it is important that the issue of decommissioning has got to be addressed."

He insisted that political parties would have to sign up to Mitchell principles of nonviolence at the start of talks. His comments, however, show that the Government is moving closer to Dublin's insistence that arms should not become a log-jamming issue. Both London and Washington are auxious to ensure that nationalists do not boycott the talks because of disagreement over decommissioning.

However, John Major was warned yesterday that the talks could collapse unless he rejects calls for separate discussions over the destruction of terrorist weapons. David

Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, met Mr Major to underline deep fears over the suggestions, which Unionists claim could allow Sinn Fein the chance to delay moves towards decommissioning.

Amid clear signs that British ministers are preparing the ground for separate talks. Downing Street officials said last night that the "precise

mechanism" for decommissioning had still to be resolved. Mr Trimble has made clear to Mr Major that Unionists will be satisfied with nothing short of an actual commitment to decommis-

ioning before talks continue. Within hours of Sir Patrick's comments, Mitchel McLaughlin. Sinn Fein's national chairman, gave an upbeat re-

sponse. He told BBC Radio Ulster: "I think it is a very interesting comment [from Sir Patrick Mayhew]. It certainly represents a change of rhetoric ... The comments do open up the possibility of a meaningful

discussion on constitutional and political change." Republicans are said to be

engaged in an intense internal debate about their next move.

Heseltine dampens Tory

RIGHT-WING Cabinet ministers are preparing to step up the pressure for tougher action to lift the European ban on British beef amid fresh signs of differences in the Govern-

Sentamu's pentecostal-style services are renowned for gospel music and, sometimes, dancing in the aisles. He will be the first black bishop north of the Thames and only the second in the Church of England, after Bishop Wilfred

had introduced a ban long before that by the EU. "This is an international issue," he said. "The beef market in many of the European countries is actually suffering more

country.

Mr Heseltine said large

Mr Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancelior. Mr Rifkind said the "sense of frustration" over the contin-

uing ban had now spread throughout the country and the Government. At a meeting of foreign ministers in Brussels he said that the Commission was now unanimously recommending that the ban be eased and it would be intolerable if any member states tried to oppose that view in the face of scientific evidence that all necessary precautions against mad cow disease and its transfer to humans are being taken.

☐ Beef sales are 94 per cent of what they were this time last year, according to figures from the Meat and Livestock Commission yesterday. The figures refer to fresh and frozen beef such as steaks, joints, mince and braising and stewing steak. The recovery in sales has been less good for

NEWS IN BRIEF

Harman pledges to reform fundholding

Harriet Harman declared that Britain's 2,600 GP fundholders would lose the £3.6 billion they now spend on hospital care as she outlined Labour's proposals to give all family doctors greater powers. Ms Harman said that Labour intended to replace GP fundholding with a new system of commissioning. GPs would work alongside health authorities and hospital doctors to decide on

hospital care for their patients.

Doctors' leaders said GP fundholding remained the "grit in the oyster" of the NHS reforms. The National Association of Fundholding Practices said that an analysis of the NHS reforms. investigation by the Audit Commission, to be published next week, would defend the principle of the scheme. The commission, which has investigated 56 practices, found that few fundholders have improved services for their patients and the scheme has been costly to run.

Chequers poll summit

John Major summoned ministers of state and undersecretaries representing all government departments to Chequers yesterday for a brainstorming session on the Government's political strategy up to the general election. Party sources said that the Prime Minister would not be discussing a manifesto. The meeting follows Kenneth Clarke's weekend warning that he could not guarantee tax cuts in the Budget.

Labour gun reforms

Guns would have log books allowing police to track changes in ownership under Labour proposals to reform the firearms laws. The books, similar to those for vehicles, would be linked to a national register of firearms. Jack Straw, Shadow Home Secretary, outlined plans to ban anyone under 18 from owning or using a firearm and allow police to refuse firearms certificates without providing

Army to fund appeal

Three British soldiers jailed for life in Cyprus for killing Louise Jensen, a Danish tour guide, are to have their appeals funded by the Army Legal Aid Scheme, the Government said last night. Allan Ford, 27, Justin Fowler, 28, and Geoffrey Pernell, 24, were found guilty on March 29 of abduction, manslaughter and conspiracy to rape. Their lawyers have claimed that the evidence was flawed and the sentences were too harsh.

Golden egg laid at last

The only two golden eagles breeding in England have hatched at least one chick after failing to produce young for three years, ornithologists said yesterday. Wardens from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, belped by volunteers, have been keeping a 24-hour watch on the birds' eyrie near Penrith in the Lake District to guard against egg thieves. There are estimated to be 425 pairs of golden eagles

Bullet to be removed

The five-year-old girl from Sierra Leone who has survived for 16 months with a bullet in her brain will have an operation to remove it today at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Tenneh Cole was taken in by a British-run charity in Freetown after her she lost her parents in the civil war and flown to Britain last week. Surgeons decided an operation to remove the bullet, which is lodged behind her right eye. was necessary because of the risk of infection.

Thames steps to reopen

An attempt to reopen historic steps along the Thames has been launched by the Port of London Authority. Many of the steps, points used by watermen to ferry people across the river, have become the stuff of London legend. The authority has identified 246 points offering access to the Thames and its foreshore from Teddington to Southendon-Sea. Only about 44 are still in use with many of the rest closed off and crumbling into divergeir. closed off and crumbling into disrepair.

TV reporter dies

The ITN reporter Joan Thirkettle has died less than six months after being diagnosed as suffering from cancer. Ms Thirkettle, 48, joined ITN in 1974. She was also a presenter on Classic FM. Stewart Purvis, ITN chief executive, said: "She had a distinctive style which was respected throughout the industry." Ms Thirkettle, who died on Saturday, was divorced and had two teenage children. Obitnary, page 19

Pop go Oasis tickets

All 300,000 tickets for four shows by the British band Oasis sold out within nine hours, a rate of more than ten tickets a second. Demand for the two shows at Knebworth, Herifordshire, and Loch Lomond was so intense that promoters added another day to each gig. More than 1.5 million callers tried to order tickets within the first two minutes of them going on sale at 9am on Saturday.

Rorke's Drift VC for sale

One of 11 Victoria Crosses awarded for the legendary defence at Rorke's Drift, immortalised in the film Zula, goes on sale at Dix and Webb in London next month. Experts say 21-year-old Robert Jones's medal could fetch a world record — more than the £132,000 paid in 1992 for a First World War pilot's VC collection. All but two of the Rorke's Drift VCs are in regimental collections.

The bank's competitors chose to remain anonymous yesterday as the deadline for tenders passed but the Clydesof heart". The bank had been dale Bank and a major buildable to put forward a proposal ing society were understood to that could be commercially have entered the race. viable, under which the Stu-

Barclays bids to

run student loans

By John O'Leary and Lindsay Cook

Privatisation of the Student Loans Company was delayed last December, weeks after

BARCLAYS Bank, the object

of a prolonged campus boycott

less than a decade ago, is

among three financial institu-

tions bidding to run a priva-

tised student loan scheme.

legislation was announced. Banks and building societies ignored appeals to take over the system because of the commercial risks and the prospect of being identified with an unpopular service. A new system was to have been introduced in September.

Assent last week, lenders have been reassessing their stance. Barclays has been in prolonged talks with the Education and Employment Department and the National Union of Students. Barclays said its bid did not

represent "a massive change dent Loans Company would operate and Barclays would also offer loans on the same terms and interest rates.

That means graduates would have five years to repay loans once their income reached 85 per cent of the national average, and government subsidy would support a rate of interest pegged to the Retail Prices Index.

The delay left a £100 million The NUS remains opposed to privatised loans under the hole in government finances, the savings anticipated from scheme but said Barclays had transferring liabilities from met its call for faster processing and thorough consultation the scheme. With the privatisation Bill receiving Royal

Bishops

Continued from page 1 Bishop of Stepney, and the London diocese's first black bishop. The Ven Michael Colclough, Bishop Chartres' per-sonal assistant, will become Bishop of Kensington.

Mr Broadhurst, who replaces Bishop John Klyberg on his retirement next month. has a pastoral record considered second to none. As suffragan, he will deputise in the Bishop of London's absence. The names of the three new bishops and one archdeacon are to be announced officially

this morning.
The Ugandan-born Dr

Wood of Croydon. The appointment of Mr Colclough, who will ordain women priests, to Kensington where nine out of ten clergy oppose them could spark defections from the area by clergy who may prefer the jurisdiction of Mr Broadhurst.

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BSE tit-for-tat clamour

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

ment over its response.

Some ministers on the Right are proposing ways of giving British courts a stronger hand against rulings from Brussels. while Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, is refusing to rule out retaliatory action. However, the demands for robust tit-for-tat measures are

likely to meet with opposition at Thursday's cabinet from Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister. He had faced calls for retaliatory measures from Euro-sceptic MPs but dampened their hopes by saying it was a "European issue" which had to be dealt with through negotiation "however aggravated and difficult it undoubtedly is".

numbers of these countries had introduced a ban of their own and a significant number

than the beef market in this Mr Major will seek support from Jacques Chirac, the French President, when he arrives in London for a threeday visit. However, if the committee of European veteri-

nary experts fails to agree to a partial lifting of the ban tomorrow, the demand for action from Tory rightwingers will become even stronger.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, and others on the Right are believed to favour a radical plan to make European law subordinate to UK law in areas of conflict. Mr Major is said to be unconvinced of the need for such a drastic step and would almost certainly be backed by





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Stalker is

jailed for

terrifying

neighbour

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

A STALKER who terrified his neighbour, sending her obscene notes, bombarding her with presents, cutting her telephone line and handcuffing himself to a tree in her

garden, was jailed for nine

Douglas Pickering, a 39-

year-old car salesman from

Waterside. Strathclyde, devel-

oped an obsession with Louise

Durie, 42, a hairdresser, in

September, Kilmarnock Sher-

iff Court was told. Mrs Durie

said she leared for her life and

at one point locked herself in

her bedroom armed with a

She said Pickering had re-

peatedly telephoned her at work and at home and loitered

outside the salon in Irvine

where she worked. He had

followed her to work, thrown

stones at her windows and

threatened to commit suicide

on her doorstep. He had bombarded her

with gifts, including a teddy

bear and plastic flowers, and

at one point had crawled up

the stairs of her shop to deliver

At one point he had banged

on her door and had later been

found drunk and unconscious

handcuffed to a tree in her

garden. Mrs Durie said she

believed her life was in dan-

ger. "He started battering the

a box of chocolates.

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knife and a hammer.

months yesterday.

door, I thought he was going to force his way in." She had barricaded herself into her Sheriff Terence Russell jailed Pickering for breaching the peace and breaking bail conditions imposed at earlier hearings, when he had deferred sentence for good

The sentence was backdated to April 22 and Mrs Durie said later that she was terrified that her termenter could be free by September. She said it was a second blow after the Government's decision not to extend new anti-stalking laws to Scotland, where the offence is covered by the breach of the peace charge.

THE TIMES TUESDAY MAY 14 1996 'She did not want to move out and murder seemed the ultimate solution'

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SARA THORNTON was portrayed yesterday as a pathological liar and compulsive attention-seeker who murdered her violent and alcoholic husband for financial gain.

Thornton, 41, denied at Oxford Crown Court murdering her husband of ten months, Malcolm Thornton, at a retrial ordered by the Court of Appeal. Brian Cox. QC, for the prosecution, told the jury that wherever the marriage of the two heavy drinkers, both divorced, was made, it was not Heaven. The tragedy is that the two people genuinely fell deeply in love."

Criser of freezes a nat He said that in addition to being a heavy drinker Thornton, of Atherstone, Warwickshire, possessed a further trait which contributed another degree to the "dangerous cock-tail" of their turbulent relationship. "She seems to have been a permanent or semi-permanent attentionseeker, shocking people by what she said and what she did, how she dressed and how she undressed and how she behaved towards men.

"Another aspect of her personality is that she told people what she wanted them to hear regardless of reality. A cruel way of putting it is that she is a pathological liar." As she listened to the evidence against her, Thornton sobbed uncontrollably. The trial was adjourned for ten minutes to

allow her to compose herself. Mr Cox said the killing was prompted by financial considerations. "She had a fixation that if she left Malcolm before they had been married a year she would lose her interest in the house. This is why she would not move out. Killing



Malcolm Thornton was stabbed in the chest

ution." Malcolm Thornton was stabbed at midnight on June 13, 1989, as he lay in a drunken stupor on a sofa at home. "The knife was sharp and large and well-pointed and went about six inches into his body just below the rib cage, almost through to his back," Mr Cox said.

He said that Mr Thornton. who had left the police force with an exemplary record. was a heavier drinker than his wife and had turned to alcohol after the breakdown of his first marriage, "Regrettably, alcohol plays a substantial part in this case," he said.

Because of drink, Mr Thornton lost his driving licence and Sara Thornton was sacked from her job in tele-phone sales after empty cider flagons were found in her desk. Mr Cox said the murder took place after violent rows between the couple and after police had been called six or there was a disgraceful scene after Mr Thornton, who was a security officer with TNT. spent the whole day drinking

at a company open day.
Two friends took him home and his wife came to the door where Mr Thornton hit her in the face, knocking her over. Mr Thornton, he said, was "close to the bottom of the well" and after another dreadful incident spent time in a London clinic and joined Alcoholics Anonymous. His conversion was short-

lived and by Christmas 1988 his wife suspected he had started drinking again. He lost his job when he lost his driving licence and the couple remortgaged their property to open a shop. In May Mr Thornton spent most of the day drinking at a family barbecue and punched his wife in the face. He was charged with assault.

After this, he gave up drinking and the atmosphere in the house changed completely. with the family playing board games to avoid going to the pub. Mr Cox suggested Mr Thornton had changed because he wanted his wife to drop the assault charge. Three days before the mur-

der, Mr Cox said, Sara Thornton attended a function in Coventry, leaving her daughter Louisa, eight, with her husband because she considered he was free of his alcoholism. When she telephoned home from a hotel, she be-lieved he had been drinking and arranged a taxi to take her daughter to a friend's house. In the hotel, it was alleged, she told a friend she would be free of her husband only if she killed him. The following day she had a furious row with her



threatened him with a knife and he threatened her with a guitar.

Later, as he lay in the bath, she fed him chicken laced with six Mogadon tablets, saying she wanted to make him ill so he would be admitted to hospital. But, Mr Cox said, Mr Thornton was obviously as strong as an ox because. when an ambulance called by his wife arrived, he was up and about and the ambulance

Mr Cox said Thornton had been provocatively dressed

your father"."

Mr Thornton was lying in a and had gone upstairs to change before going downdrunken stupor when his wife returned from the pub with stairs. He said she maintained Martin, her stepson. Mr Cox she had taken the knife because she could not find his said that as he lay helpless on the couch she had gone into police truncheon. As he lay on the couch. Mr

the kitchen, grabbed the knife and killed him. There was no Cox said, he called his wife a frenzied attack. Just one whore and accused her of straight injury and when selling her body. Mr Cox said Martin, who had gone to bed. it was Thornton's case that came downstairs she said, there were more insults from 'Martin. I have murdered him and she dropped the knife, not intending to hurt him, let alone kill him. She

brought it down expecting him

to brush it aside. But the knife went into him accidentally and that has always been her case. It was, she claims, simply an accident. The prosecution has a very

different view. It was not a frenzied attack, just one single injury. And of the choice from the top of his head to the tip of his toes, where? That speaks for itself." He rejected her defence, which he said was based on provocation and diminished responsibility. The trial continues.

seven times to their home. On Police want to interview former fiancé in freezer baby inquiry

By Gillian Bowditch, Carol Midgley and Lin Jenkins

POLICE were yesterday waiting to speak to the former boyfriend of a millionaire's daughter after the body of a newborn baby was found in her freezer.

Joseph Ernst, an architecture student at Edinburgh University, was on holiday in Spain, apparently unaware of the incident or that Emma Gifford, 20, is in hospital receiving psychiatric care. Mr Ernst, a third-year stu-

dent on placement in Lisbon, moved abroad in March after the couple's relationship end-ed. The baby boy, which was in a carrier bag when it was found at Miss Gifford's west London flat by her brother Kris, was born on April 5 but died two hours later through

Police said yesterday that they wished to speak to every-one connected with the incident" but it is understood initial tests have suggested there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death. A post-mortem examination was inconclusive and police are awaiting the results of further tests. Miss Gifford is not fit to be interviewed.



The home of Michael Gifford, right, who yesterday refused to comment

Her father Michael, who re-tired last month as chief executive of the Rank Organisation, refused to comment yesterday at his home in Little Chart, Kent.

As he walked on the village green with his third wife Nancy, he said there would be no family statement: "Absolutely not. Not now, not ever." His second wife Asa, mother to Emma and Kris, who lives in a £450,000 farmhouse next door, also declined to comment, although some dents of the village said they Miss Gifford, who enrolled

as a student at Edinburgh in 1993 but dropped out the next year, has recently been working in retailing and living in the £140,000 basement flat in Onslow Gardens, south Kensington, bought for her by her

She had a long-term rela-tionship with Mr Ernst, whom she met during her studies, but was said to have 'taken it in her stride" when the relationship ended amicably in Students described Miss

Gifford and Mr Ernst as simply "an ordinary couple in love". Miss Gifford kept her

pregnancy a secret and flatmates of Mr Ernst in Edinburgh said they were shocked to hear about the tragedy. David Burnett, 20, an agricultural economics student, said: "He seemed very nice. I didn't know him well. He stayed here for a few months and he was out a lot." Miss Gifford telephoned often

but visited infrequently. Mr Gifford, 60, was chief executive of the E3 billion Rank Organisation for 12 years. His annual salary was about £400,000 and he had share options that earned him an extra £428,000 in 1994.

plies with subsidiary ques-tions, but that only produced

even longer replies. Why did so many people not believe him innocent? "I don't blame

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Simpson smiles through TV storm

By PETER BARNARD AND KATE ALDERSON

 A FOREIGNER famous for his footballing exploits who came to Manchester last night had arrived a day late if he was looking for adoring crowds. That was Sunday and that was Eric Cantona, back from Wembley with the FA Cup. Last night it was O.J. Simpson, who is from a whole different ball game. Manchester remained calm.

Simpson flew in by private jet to be interviewed by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan, the husband-andwife team promoted from daytime television to peak time on ITV. They did their damndest, but a man who has survived a year-long trial is unlikely to offer anything sensational in a brief tele-

vision interview. The former American football running back and sometime film actor, acquitted last October of murdering his former wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron-



A relaxed O.J. Simpson arrives at the Granada studios yesterday for his 17-minute interview

ald Goldman, solved one after 17 minutes of the intermystery outside the headquarters of Granada Television: why had he agreed to come? I was invited. I was curious. I was doing nothing."

Simpson added: "I am hoping that we don't even talk about the case, but I know we will." As ever, expectation proved more reliable than hope, but there were to be no revelations. Indeed the most amazing moment occurred Why, when he knew he was to be arrested, did he take the famous televised drive in the white Bronco, complete with passport and \$10,000? He wanted to visit his mother's grave. He always carries his

view, when Simpson looked

aghast, or possibly relieved,

da Madeley and Finnigan had started with all guns

firing, as if to prove that

former doyens of the daytime

agenda could handle this

They interrupted long re-

grown-up stuff.

passport. There was no \$10,000. "I was suffering despair, I just wanted the pain to It went on, a partial rerun of the trial. Simpson's blood at the murder scene? "I am very suspect as to whose blood that

as Finnigan announced:
"That's all we've got time for."
Simpson had been paid a
"nominal fee" of £1 by Granawas." And so on. Simpson maintained throughout the look of a man who has been this way before and expects to come this way again. The smile is an allweather item, by now impervious to storm. Even in

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Popular programmes rescheduled as terrestrial channels challenge Sky's rise

News and soaps to be elbowed aside by sport

By JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESP

NEWS, current affairs and soap operas will be rescheduled this summer as the BBC and ITV screen more than 1.000 hours of sports events such as Euro 96. Wimbledon

and the Olympic Games. The fight back by the terrestrial channels against Sky's growing share of domestic sports coverage will mean that many popular pro-grammes will be delayed to satisfy the millions of fans eager to watch the principal international events at peak

The European Football Championship will force the BBC to hold up EastEnders and the Nine o'Clock News on at least seven evenings during the three-week tournament. The Bill on ITV will also be

delayed as the two terrestrial channels will screen more than 100 hours of the

A BBC spokesman said yesterday: "We do have an alternative schedule for viewers who are not necessarily sports fans. People will still be able to see their favourite programmes such as East-Enders."

The BBC is spending a record £125 million of licencepayers' money this year to restore its damaged reputation as Britain's Number One sports channel, after losing the terrestrial rights of the FA Cup to ITV from 1998 and the Formula One championship, also to ITV, from next

of BBC TV Sport, said: "Additional funding has been available from within the BBC to secure contracts that we have recently signed." This in-cludes the Open Golf championship for the next five years, the Olympic Games until 2008 and the 1998 Common-

wealth Games. Will Wyatt, managing di-rector of BBC TV, added: "We have shifted extra money from the savings we have made. Additional funds will be available in future. However, we always ask our-

selves: is this is good value?" In July, the BBC will spend more than £20 million and send a staff of almost 250 people to Atlanta to cover more than 300 hours of the Screening of the two-week event will start at 7am and last until the early hours. In the Games live, the BBC only showed 682 hours.

In addition, the BBC will be screening the six Test Matches, Royal Ascot, Wimbledon, and the Formula One championship. ITV will be showing The Golden Four athletics meetings, in which many of the Olympic stars will be competing.
Although all these leading

events are being shown live on terrestrial television, Mr Wyatt emphasised that the British Broadcasting Corporation was "in a quite different business" from either pay-

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Sky, which shows more than 60 Premiership matches live each season plus all En-gland's friendly football internationals and is now bidding for the Five Nations Rugby Union championship, will still be screening a number of other top sports events this

These include: the US Open golf championship in June and the US PGA championship in August: the US Open tennis championships in August; the first summer of the "Super League" in Rugby League; the one-day international cricket marches against Pakistan and India; the Wales

and Scotland Rugby Union tours of Australasia: and a number of premier boxing

But a spokesperson for Sky, in which News International, owner of The Times, has a 40 per cent stake, said: "There are lots of sports fans who are interested in events which are

not being shown on terrestrial television. Sky's program-ming is about providing

"With three sports channels, we will still be providing more live sport than any other channel this summer."



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Rival football managers Alex Ferguson, left, and Kevin Keegan are to appear in a poster campaign

Soap stars called in to promote ITV

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

ITV is launching a multimillion-pound television camslide in its ratings.

The broadcaster, which is keen to pre-empt competition year, has also hired the feuding football managers. Alex Ferguson of Manchester United and Kevin Keegan of head a new £5 million poster campaign: The football rivals will be seen on 2,000 posters across Britain above the slogan "United for the Cup" to advertise ITV's coverage of the Eurpean Football

The television advertising campaign features stars of promoting unlikely shows on the channel. Jack and Vera Duckworth of Coronation Street are featured promoting the high-brow arts programme The South Bank Show, News at Ten's anchorman Trevor MacDonald reveals himself as a fan of Cilla Black's Blind Date: while Wolf and Hunter, stars of Gladiators, are featured debating merits of contemporary and classical drama. The

campaign comes after a 2.1

rose by 0.4 per cent.

Advertisers are also displaying a growing disillusion-According to a survey published by Media Audits, the advertising consultancy, last week, slightly more than a their 1996 spending with ITV as a result of poor audience. share in 1995.

Steve Morrisson, chairman of the ITV marketing group and managing director of London Weekend Television said that the campaign was aimed at boosting viewer awareness of the channel and denied it was a defensive

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Father threatens to sue after son is barred from class

A FATHER is to sue an education authority for failing to provide his son with proper schooling after a teachers' union barred his son from attending classes because of

Peter Cram decided to sue when teachers at Hebburn Comprehensive, South Tyneside, refused to allow his son Graham, 12, into lessons when he returned yesterday after a ten-month suspension. Mr Cram, 39, an unemployed shipyard worker, arrived at school with his son shortly before 9am. He had a letter from education officials stating that, as a result of an appeal over his son's expulsion last July, he would be readmitted to normal lessons.

Teaching staff who are members of the National Union of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers had already said they would strike rather than teach the boy, who was excluded after allegedly kicking and punching a member of staff.

As Mr Cram took his son through the school gates they were met by Madelaine Watson, the head teacher, who told them that Graham could

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Watson: told Graham he could not join class

not attend classes. The boy spent the day receiving tuition on his own from Mrs Watson and a supply teacher brought in specially by South Tyneside Education Authority.

Afterwards Mr Cram said: "At the moment I am prepared to accept segregated teaching on a one-to-one basis as Graham has been away since last summer. But eventually I want to see him reintegrated totally into school life. He misses being with his friends and feels left out, he is not getting the proper education

passed last January. He said the boy could spend the rest of his academic career at the school being taught separately. The alternative was for him to go to another school where he could start with a clean sheet or to a special school where staff were trained to deal with unruly COMPREHENSIVE Graham, an apparently shy

boy not much taller than 4ft. said: "I feel very upset about because I wanted to get on with my education. The teach-

is in the hands of our lawyers.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the union, which

represents 80 per cent of the

school's 52 teaching staff, said

as far as they were concerned

the boy would not be taught by

members of his union. He

Birmingham two years ago when the parents of an ex-pelled child took court action.

A precedent has been estab-

lished that a pupil can be readmined and delegated to a

single teacher and kept virtu-

ally isolated to protect the

education and safety of teach-

ers and pupils."

Mr de Gruehy flew from

London to lead talks with the

school's governors and the

education authority. After-

wards he said officials had

accepted his members' right

not to teach the boy but added:

"If they put pressure on we

have a mandate to take action.

including a strike." A fresh

ballot would be completed by

the end of the month to

reinforce a vote for action



Graham Cram with his father Peter. "I want to see him reintegrated totally into school life," Mr Cram said

ers won't let me in because they don't like violent pupils, but I am nut violent."

He spent most of his day in the head teacher's office and in the school library doing mathematics and geography and working on a computer. He said: "I was glad to be back but I wanted to be with my friends in class. I don't like one-to-one teaching."

David Lamb. Mr Cram's

lawyer, said: "If the teachers are not prepared to allow Graham to reintegrate eventually then we will most certainly take court action. If they are prepared to take stock of the ruation as time goes by and perhaps let bygones be bygones, then we are prepared to let maners ride for the mument. He cannot go through the rest of his school career being taught in isolation."

Family challenges reprieve for pair in playground shooting

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A FATHER whose 11-year-old son was shot in the head with an air gun "for a laugh" went to the High Court yesterday to challenge a refusal of education chiefs to expel two pupils involved in the incident.

Mr Justice Tucker was told that H. who cannot be named for legal reasons, was now too frightened to go back to the school in Camden, north London, because the boys had been allowed to return. The "emotionally vulnerable" child feared they would "get him back" for reporting the

playground shooting in which he lost consciousness for 10 seconds. Rabinder Singh. for the family, said.

He accused the school governors and Camden council, the local education authority, of failing to carry out a proper balancing exercise when they decided that both pupils should not be permanently excluded, in spite of the effect that decision would have on H and the disruption it would cause to his education.

Mr Singh said that permanent exclusion, instead of the 12-day suspensions the boys received, was fully justified by the facts and Education Department guidelines in what the governors themselves had recognised as an extremely serious case. He said H's father would start criminal proceedings if there were no expulsions.

Sarah Forster, for the governors and the education authority, said that both of her clients were entitled to go against the "strong recommendation" of the head teacher that the two involved in the shooting should be expelled

from the school. Mr Justice Tucker is to give

Briton on holiday is raped and murdered

A BRITISH holidaymaker has been murdered in the Philippines. Linda Dockins's naked body was found in the bed of a dried-up creek on Sunday near the holiday cottage in which she was staying on Mindoro island. She had been raped and beaten round the head with a heavy object.

Ms Dockins, 35, from Windsor, had been travelling in the Philippines on her own. Last from the British Embassy after being mugged in Manila. Police in Puerto Galera were yesterday trying to piece to-gether her last movements.

Superintendent Eduardo Sebastian, the chief of police, said she had arrived in Puerto Galera, a popular resort 75 miles south of Manila, on Thursday to visit a Filipina friend, Erlinda Manalo.

A spokesman for the British Embassy said: "It was reported to us on Sunday by local police. Unfortunately, there were only a few documents in her room. There was no passport but we managed to get her name from the cottage registration."

A spokesman for the Foreign Office said Ms Dockins's family had been informed of her murder. No decision had been made about bringing her

body home. A Swiss man was murdered at the weekend in the northern Philippines town of Bani, where he and his wife owned a business. Police were looking for Villamor Vallan, the suspected lover of Walter Bredschneider's Filipina wife. Police said that Mr Bred-

schneider, 64, was shot and killed on Saturday night in his back yard in the farming town 130 miles northwest

Wrong plane brings Bader Spitfire hunters down to earth

Teachers at Hebburn voted in January to take action

MILITARY history enthusiasts who claimed last week that they had recovered the remains of Sir Douglas Bader's wartime Spitfire from a field in northern France admitted last night that they had

Two days' work by a British team, acting on months of research, overwhelming circumstantial evi-

the engine and the mangled aluminium fragments of a Spitfire. They were convinced that it was the machine from which Sir Douglas baled out by parachute during a massive dogfight with the Luftwaffe in August 1941.

vinced that it is not. What they have unearthed appears to be a Mark 9 Snitfire, whereas Bader's machine failure, the team is already examining fresh evidence at the site of the flying ace's final crash and may soon start digging another hole in the hope of better luck.

police constable with the West iorce, said vesterday that excavating the wrong aircraft had been disappointing. But we have raised the finance to try again and

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ously the memories of French peasants who led us to the wrong site have faded over 55 years."

The Spitfire's remains were extracted from 15 feet of clay beneath Dilip Sarkar, chairman of the Malvern Spitfire Team and a mud and severely corroded. The Rolls-Royce Merlin engine block fied it as Bader's, but they did not. making it a Mark 9. Bader's aircraft would have had three on each side. Diggers were initially encouraged by a maker's identifica-

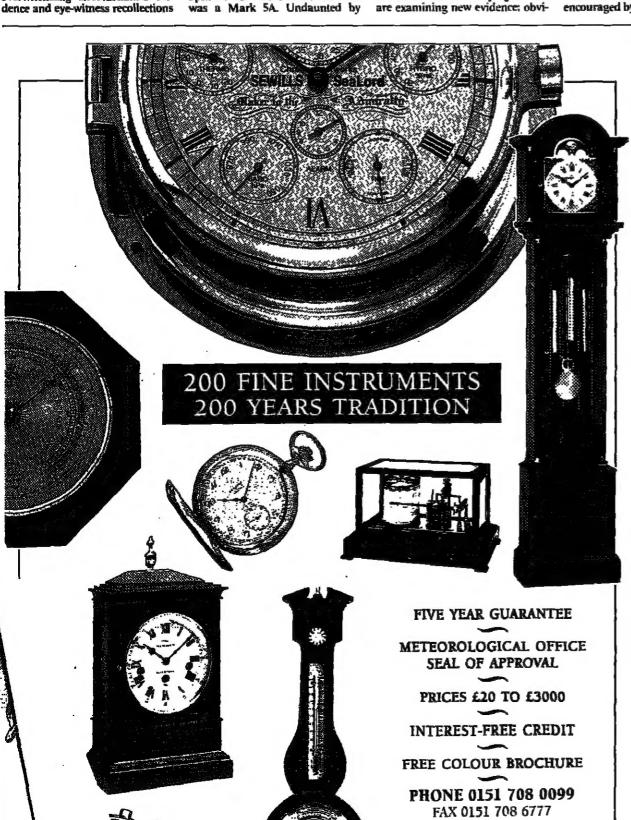
tion plate, which indicated that the Spitfire had been built in Southampton, an important piece of corroborative evidence. What they watned to find was a plate showing the aircraft's serial number W3185. which would have positively identi-

are, meanwhile, no nearer finding the identity of a Spitfire pilot whose remains were recovered with his machine from a bog near Bruges in aircraft was recovered by two Belgian amateur war historians. who were surprised to find the pilot's remains in the cockpit. The historians called in the British Embassy and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

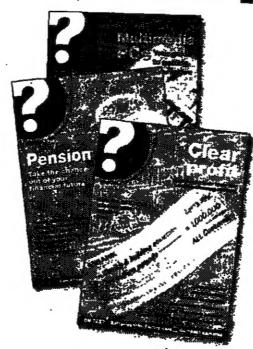
by unusual features, including a parachute with no details of its owner's identity and a cigarette lighter with the initials U L.

CORRECTIONS

☐ The expenses of National Lottery retailers, including the cost and servicing of terminals, point-of-sale material and marketing, are paid by Camelot, not by retailers themselves (report, April 24). ☐ The proprietary cat food Whiskas (report, May 2) continues to hold its position as



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LAWYERS in the Crown Prosecution Service are seeking an urgent meeting with the Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General about what they claim is "day-to-day crisis management" in the courts.

There is widespread concern that spending cuts are preventing prosecutors from carrying out the essential task of reviewing cases before they come to court, leading to mistakes and unnecessary adiournments.

The move to involve Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, and the Solicitor-General, Sir Derek Spencer, QC, who have ultimate responsibility for the CPS, is an indication of the depth of feeling.

Criticism has come from the First Division Association. which represents most of the 2,000 lawyers in the CPS, and from barristers in private practice who undertake Crown Court cases for the service. The CPS has been ordered to cut its budget by E9 million in 1996-97, to E288

Kevin Goodwin, of the First Division Association, said CPS staff wanted the law officers to hear their "grave concerns" about their inability to "carry out professional obligations and serve the interests

He said that lawyers who

ing a support scheme for solicitors with drink problems. The £70,000 project will offer counselling and a helpline. The society said lawyers with drink problems were more likely to have money troubles. They are also more likely to go before the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal or to be the subject of negligence claims. The Solicitors' Indemnity Fund is contribut-ing £20,000, which it hopes

left were often not replaced and the use of outside lawyers had been cut. Only 10 per cent of cases of CPS work are now undertaken by lawyers in private practice.

to recoup through a drop in negligeace claims.

The result is that CPS lawyers who remain have to be in court almost continuously, and cannot fulfil their statutory and core function of reviewing cases to see which should proceed," Mr Goodwin said. "We have expressed all our concerns to management. Morale and motivation have never been lower."

Mr Goodwin is also seeking meetings with the Bar and Law Society and is balloting national day of protest.

pressed by a lawyer who until

senior posts in the service. He said mistakes were being made and hearings were unnecessarily being journed because lawyers had inadequate time for preparation. "Staff feel they don't have time to review the cases, which is their fundamental task.

The CPS is overcentralised, with a needlessly large central bureaucracy and very tight control from the centre, which leaves the local branches with

David Jeremy, a barrister who chiefly prosecutes Crown Court cases for the CPS in London, said: "We now have a position where the CPS is sometimes not even in court one CPS lawyer is trying to cover, say, three courts and running from one to another. "Judges are invariably criti-

cising the CPS in court because things have gone wrong. The trouble is, at present, they are in the business of concealing what is going on ... they take decisions on the need to cover their inadequacies rather than making the right decision in any particular case."

CPS spokesman denied that lawyers had no time for case reviews. "The system of team-working means work is spread among several people, it is not all down to one person."

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Karen Matheson, right, the lead singer of Capercaillie, who will be performing a Breton song for France

France embraces the Celtic fringe and chooses a Scot for its Eurovision entry

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN

FRANCE has departed from its usual cultural chauvinism by choosing a Scottish woman for its entry in the **Eurovision Song Contest this**

Indeed, nationalism will be at a premium for this year's competition, to be held in Oslo on Saturday. Britain's Eurovision entry, Ooh Aah Just a Little Bit, is to be sung by the Australian starlet Gina G; Austria's song, 'Cause You Feel Good, is a gospel number; and Iceland's entry. Shoobedoo, is based on American music of the Forties and Fifties.

The song that Argyll-born

Karen Matheson will be singing is not even in French but in Breton, a language that

shares Celtic roots with Welsh and Cornish. What is more, Ms Matheson, who is currently touring England with her band Capercaillie, will be accompanied by the Welsh singer Elaine Morgan. an Irish piper and a Scottish keyboard player, all under the direction of an Irish

Ms Matheson said she was surprised to be approached by the French two months ago to represent them in the contest, now in its forty-first year, but she was immensely pleased to be able to put forward a Celtic song. "It is a

hugely political statement for a minority culture."
Considering France's tradi-

tional cultural protectiveness, embodied recently in a government decree requiring that a minimum of 40 per cent of the music on radio should be French, the decision to choose Ms Matheson seems rather bizarre. The French authorities

have only recently agreed to give funding to Breton-lan-guage schools and for decades practically ignored Breton culture altogether. Ms Matheson's song, Diwanit Bugale, which translates as May the Children Be Born, was written by the guitarist Dan Ar Bras 20 years ago in

THE Royal Navy's Polaris

submarines bade farewell

vesterday after 229 patrols in

The last patrol of the fourboat Resolution-class fleet was

by HMS Repulse. She will

now be decommissioned and tied up alongside the other

three, which have already been taken out of service.

The end of an era for the Polaris "black bomber" sub-

marines was officially an-

nounced by Admiral Sir Jock

Slater, the First Sea Lord, who

went on board Renulse after

she entered the Clyde on her

Faslane, having finished her patrol in the Atlantic.

Repulse could have re-

mained in service for longer.

sharing the nuclear deterrent

patrols with the two new

Tridents now in service, How-

ever, navy sources said she

would have needed an expen-

sive refit and it was decided

28 years of service.

praise of minority cultures. French public service broadcaster France 2 said that Ms Matheson had been chosen to show that France was

becoming more European. "It was to demonstrate our belief in the true melting pot of European culture. The fact that the song is sung in Breton is part of the same idea." she said.

The French Ministry of Culture was quick to distance itself, however. "I thought the French entrant was French. from Brittany. Anyway, it is nothing to do with us," a spokeswoman said.

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The two Vanguard-class Tri-

dent submarines, Vanguard and Victorious, have complet-

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The full four-boat Trident

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The navy's confidence that Polaris boats have never been

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The penultimate Polaris taken out of service, HMS

Polaris bows out

with resolution

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

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Passive smoking 'does not cause cancer'

By NIGEL HAWKES

PASSIVE smoking does not cause lung cancer, an interna-tional team of scientists has concluded. The team, led by a British specialist, Professor Jeffrey Idle, says that the evidence is insufficient to show that working or living next to a smoker increases the dangers of lung cancer.

The conclusion contradicts that reached by the US Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 and is bound to be controversial because the money for the study came from three tobacco companies.

Yesterday Professor Idle, until recently at the University now at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim, said that the sponsorship did not affect the conclusions.

"I was prepared to do this only if there was no interference from sponsors," he said, We agreed that we would publish the results whatever they showed."

The team examined a range of studies by other scientists, some of which have shown a tobacco smoke - the smoke that drifts around a room when smokers are present and some of which do not.

Added together, they say, and corrected for well-known sources of bias, these studies show no statistically signifi-cant increased risk of lung cancer from passive smoking. These results are different from earlier studies, says the group's statistician. Dr Anthony Springhall, because all sources of bias were taken into account. Results can easily be confounded by factors such as diet - smokers and their spouses tend to eat less healthily than non-smokers — and

by misleading information. The group did not examine other possible effects of second-hand smoke, including allergies and heart disease. These are undoubtedly important, but to examine them you would need a different panel," Professor Idle said.

The anti-smoking group Ash said that it was suspicious of the findings, given that the group was "not independent". A spokeswoman said: "There have been a number of independent international commitpassive smoking is a public health hazard and have specifically linked it to lung cancer.*. A committee under Sir Peter

Froggat, of Queen's University, Belfast, examined the issue in 1988, and concluded that several hundred people a year in Britain were dying of lung cancer from passive smoking, she added.



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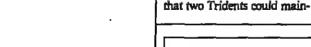
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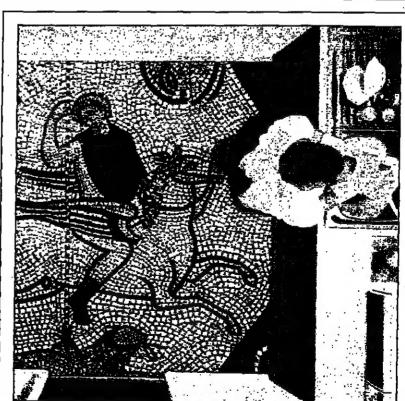
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Rome urged to name new Archbishop of Liverpool

LEADERS of the Roman Catholic Church in Britain have called on the Vatican to announce a successor to the late Archbishop of Liverpool quickly to end the speculation they believe is causing damaging rifts within the Church.

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A process that would normally take six to eight months has dragged on for more than a year and led to a clash between modernists and traditionalists. Conservatives have written to Rome complaining about the allegedly liberal views of some of those thought

to be likely candidates. Church leaders are also desperate for a successor to Derek Worlock to restore leadership to England's second most important diocese. They want to dampen speculation that one priest rejected the job because Liverpool is too much

Mgr Kieran Conry, director of the Catholic Media Office, who has been named by some as a possible contender, said: The suspicion is growing that someone turned it down. Archbishop Worlock is difficult to fallow. Liverpool is considered such an enormous responsibility. Liverpool and Westminster are the hot seats of the Church.

There might also have been questions about the theological ability or orthodoxy of one of the names. Increasingly. people are writing directly to Rome complaining about aspects of the Church."

The conservatives found a voice in the author Alice Thomas Ellis, who wrote a vehement criticism of Archbishop Worlock in her last column in the Catholic Her-ald. She said: "The last thing in the world faithful Liverpudlian Catholics want is another progressive in that position."

While the conspiracy theorists have been having a field day, the cause of the delay could simply be bureaucratic. Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, has hinted that he "would not mind* stepping down: by law he must offer his retirement to the Pope when he is 75 in two years. This means that the Pope, in appointing a succes-



Patrick Kelly, 57, Bishop of Sal-ford since 1984. Attended English College, Rome. Well-known theoogian, and conservatives' favourite. Former rector of Oscott college seminary in Birmingham. Born Lancashire and at home in the North. In Salford has introduced radical programme of confirmation, postponing it to teens rather than late primary school age so girls and boys are better equipped to make a decision about faith. Bubbly personality, approachable, down to earth, with lively mind and character. Accessible to media. Wits have suggested he does not want to become an archbishop because he does not want to be known as "His Grace

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church.

David Konstant, 65, Bishop of Leeds since 1985, Previously an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Studied mathematics for four years at Christ's College, Cambridge. Became priest in diocese of Westminster 1954. Taught maths and religion at Cardinal Vaughan School, Kensington. Worked on the drafting committee for the new catechism of the Catholic Church. Prepossessing figure: can some-times appear a little distant but has sharp mind. Excellent pianist. Chairman of Catholic Education Service, helped to launch the Catholic Church on the Internet in February. Made a Freeman of City of London in 1984. Prolific author on religious education and

musical chairs

If Bishop Nichols were to go to Liverpool, the Pope could

resolve that difficulty by ask-

ing Cardinal Hume to stay on

The names of three candi-

dates for Liverpool were pre-

sented to the Congregation for

Bishops in Rome in November

by the Pope's representative in

London, Archbishop Luigi

into the next millennium.

Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, 63, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton since 1977. Born in England, despite krish lilt. Trained at English College, Rome, and served as rector there. Was secretary to Derek Worlock while he was Bishop of Porstmouth in 1960s. Chairman of Committee for Christian Unity since 1983, which makes him a strong contender in ecumenical light. Considered affable and charming. Respected and liked throughout the Church, known for pastoral expertise. As the co-chairman of Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, has helped to write many treatises exploring areas of similarity and difference between

Barbarito. The congregation is

thought to have taken note of

written protests to Rome about

the direction the Catholic

Church, and specifically the

Liverpool diocese, has taken in

More information is under-

stood to have been demanded

on at least one of the three

candidates, and a second

round of consultations took

place earlier in the spring. A

recent years.

decision is expected soon.

Nuncio sends his final report

with three names to Rome,

they all have to be good

candidates. If one is an also

ran, Rome will just send it back. It is possible that they

regarded one of the candidates

as less strong, and wanted

either another candidate or

Other insiders believe that

more information.

Mgr Conry said: "When the

Crispian Hollis, 59, Bishop of Portsmouth since 1988. National Service in Somerset Light Infantry. Read modern history at Balliol College, Oxford. Trained for priesthood at English College, Rome. Ordained July 1965. Catholic chap-lain at Oxford University from 1967. In 1977 became Catholic assistant to the head of religious broadcasting at the BBC. Ordained bishop in 1987. Closely connected, with religious broadcasting throughout ministry. Confident and relaxed manner, tolerant, urbane and welcoming. His recent letter to all Catholics in the Channel Islands urging them to oppose attempts to legalise abortion was an indication of his theological

the Pope, who was a close

friend of Archbishop Worlock,

was distressed by his death

through cancer earlier this

year and has deliberately

waited to announce his succes-

sor to allow a period of

Mgr Conry dismissed spec-

ulation that Rome is trying to

impose a candidate "to bring

the English bishops back into

line", as has happened in

mourning.

Liverpool-born, part of "Crosby priests born and educated in that area. Trained at English College, Rome, and in Chicago. People's favourite and a protégé of Arch-bishop Worlock, whom he worked with closely. Former parish priest in Toxieth. Former general secre-tary of Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Regular contributor to Thought for the Day. Represented bishops at the last synod in Rome on the religious life. Fluent in Italian, If not appointed to Liverpool, everyone will assume it is because he is being reserved to replace Cardinal Basil Hume at Westminster.

and Holland.

countries such as Switzerland

He said: "I see no reason to

do that. I don't think there is

any suggestion here that the

Church has stepped out of

line. Cardinal Hume has a

strong reputation in Rome. He

was appointed the facilitator

of the last synod. He wouldn't

have been if there was concern

about the state of Church in

Vincent Nichols, 50, an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster since 1992.

Oiled seabirds die 10 days after rescuers free them

BY NICK NUTTALL

in one

CLEANING oiled seabirds is a waste of time and money. Most die within ten days of being released into the wild, a survey has found.

The study into the survival rate of seabirds after tanker disasters' shows that the life expectancy of a cleaned guillemot is only a matter of days. The results, published in the

journal Ibis, are likely to add to controversy over whether the cleaning of seabirds in the wake of the Sea Empress disaster off southwest Wales was misguided or a publicity stunt by charities.

The findings are based on 2,000 seabirds, ringed after rescue and cleaning from pollution accidents in America.

Brian Sharp, an ornithologist from Oregon who did the survey, has found that the life expectancy of a released guillemot is under ten days compared with 18 months for



An oiled scoter duck is brought in for cleaning

only between 10 and 20 per cent survive the trauma. The survey, based on government wildlife files, says

survival rates have not improved with modern cleaning methods. "The cost and effectiveness of rehabilitation efforts for oiled seabirds need to be examined in the light of the results, which show low post-release survival."

A spokesman for the RSPB said yesterday: "We have always suspected that survival

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first in-depth study confirms it. We don't get directly in-volved in the cleaning process and our emphasis is on trying to stop oil pollution happening in the first place."

sor to Liverpool, must bear in

mind the man he wants at

Christina Odone, former

editor of the Catholic Herald,

said: "There is one man who is

head and shoulders above the

rest, and that is Bishop Vin-

cent Nichols of north London.

But to put him at the helm of

Liverpool would close the door

to him as Cardinal Hume's

Chris Mead, of the British Trust for Ornithology, said: These results confirm that the suffering of these birds is, in the vast majority of cases, to no avail. I can understand the desperate feelings of the rescuers that they should do something to help the birds but, realistically, it may be better for the birds to put them to sleep immediately.

But the RSPCA defended its oiled bird policy and rejected the American figures. John Rolls, a spokesman, said: "Most birds rescued by the RSPCA are ringed before release and we have examples of oiled birds surviving for up to ten years in the wild. Some birds have been returned to the RSPCA having been oiled for a second or third time."



saying that here in Quinua there are army collaborators. They seized the two boys from Sabina's house. The eldest boy looked up at me as they dragged him past, his eyes great pools of fear.

Age 54 The guerillas came last night

We have found the boys. The guerillas had cut out their tongues and gouged back to our village and bathed them and dressed them and buried them and wept for them.

Age 57 The colic has taken my husband. I feel empty and alone. The violence here gets worse every day. I know I must leave Quinua.

Age 58 Today I flee for Lima, I don't know what will happen to me.

Age 66 Woke up thinking about my village. It makes me very sad, So far away is my little house, my land, and I will never be able to see it again.

Today My first grandchild is born. We will give him all the love he needs. want him to have the education I missed, and the peace we craved, and the chance to make a good life. And I want him to be called Teófilio.

DIARY OF A

SURVIVOR



Man denies murdering French girl

The lorry driver accused of murdering Celine Figard was committed for trial at Wolverhampton Crown Court, Stuart Morean, 36, of Poole, Dorset, is accused of killing the 19-year-old French student between 18 December and 30 December last year. Mr Morgan, who denied the charge, was committed for trial on October 2.

£2.2m for boy

Christopher Ingleby, 8, who is severely affected by cere-brai palsy after mistakes at his birth at Whittington Hospital, north London, is to receive E2.2 million medical negligence damages under a High Court settlement

Path stays put

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber has lost an attempt to divert a public footpath which runs through the courtyard of his country home. The path, shown on maps from 1759, takes walkers within 30 yards of the composer's home.

Ferry alert

Ferries went on alert after wreckage was seen between Dover and Calais. Coastguards said the D'Artagnan. which sank in April, may have floated up because of gases from fish rotting in her hold.

RAF pair safe

A student pilot and an instructor escaped with minor injuries after ejecting before their RAF training aircraft crashed yesterday morning near the village of Wetwang

Age 7 The crops have all dried up. Why won't it rain? Mama and papa are leaving the farm to work in the salt mines. I am hungry.

Age 14 I asked mama again why I cannot go to school and her answer is the same. "School is for boys". So my brothers go while I have to take the cattle to pasture. But if I don't learn anything, this is what I will always do, tend cows. I want to do more in my life than this.

Age 22 A terrible day, I am to marry Claudio Enriquez, a trader from our village. I flew into a rage at my father for permitting him my hand in marriage but he just looked down at the dust and said that for a poor girl with no education this is a good match and I must try to be a good wife.

Age 24 My beautiful boy is born. Teófilio. I am in pain but happy.

Age 30 I thought Teofilio was getting better because he had a quiet night. But his stillness struck a terror in me the moment i awoke and i rushed to where he lay on the floor. His lips had

turned black, I lifted his limp, clammy body to me and caressed him, his hand, his forehead, his stomach, But little by little he lost his breathing. I have seen death in my family so many times but today I felt my own

soul die with his. I don't want to go on.

Age 42 Such a beautiful dawn this morning. We worked the plot, me on the potatoes, silently, the children with their laughter on the avaso. It is hard work from dawn to dusk, but for the first time in four years the harvest will be good, so at least we can eat. We are content enough.

This diary is based on interviews with Agustina Guitiérrez Ramos, a displaced villager from Quinua, Peru. Her story of survival against the odds is typical of so many throughout the Third World.

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Carpet tycoon puts hard-up Tories on a sound footing

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

A CARPET tycoon who was by the Tories is being hailed as the man who has saved the

party from financial ruin. The key figure behind the reduction in the party's overdraft from £18 million to £2.5 million is Lord Harris of Peckham, one of the party's

Lord Harris, founder of the Harris Queensway carpet em-pire, helped to broker the deal last December to pay off a £600,000 debt to Saatchi & Saatchi, which had been outstanding since the 1992 gener-

The failure to pay the bill was a severe embarrassment to the Tory party, which was took out a second mortgage on its Smith Square headquarters. But Lord Harris, 53, struck a deal with the company and raised the money to settle the debt.

He is a substantial donor to the Tory party and was made a life peer by John Major last November. But it is his virtual

elimination of the party's deficit that has enabled a long-awaited fightback by Mr Major. Today Tory leaders will

launch the first in a series of nationwide poster and newspaper advertising campaigns saying that although govern-ment policies since 1992 have hurt they have worked. The campaign, which was outlined by Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, at the Chequers summit yesterday, will feature 1,000 poster sites across the country.

The campaigns have been devised by Maurice Saatchi and Sir Tim Bell, the advertising gurus who masterminded Margaret Thatcher's first two general election triumphs. They created the memorable "Labour isn't working" slogan and are known at Conservative Central Office as the

The Tories ended their 16-year relationship with Saatchi & Saatchi when Maurice and his brother, Charles, acrimoniously left the com-

another firm, M&C Saatchi and secured the Tory account, which remains one of the most prestigious in the advertising

The poster and newspaper advertisements, part of an Ell million pre-election campaign. will continue until polling day. Tory officials say that a similar amount will be spent on the final three weeks of

campaiging.

Most of the money has been posited in the bank, but it is known that Lord Harris has secured pledges which would enable the party at least to match the more than £20 million it spent in 1992. Central Office declined to discuss the finances but officials confirmed that Lord Harris had played a central role in restoring them.

Last night one senior Tory said: "Philip Harris is a finanreason the overdraft has virtually gone and the main reason



Lord Harris, a "financial genius" who has transformed the Tory party's finances

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The success of Tony Blair in creating new Labour has helped Lord Harris and his

fellow treasurers, such as Lord the 1980s until its profits Hambro, to restore the flow of funds from the business community to Conservative Central Office. The Tory official said: "The closer Tony Blair looks like getting to the of Downing Street gates the easier it is becoming to prise money from our old supporters. Labour still frightens the in 1993 business community."

Harris Queensway was one of the retail success stories of

crashed after the 1987 stock market collapse. But within months Lord Harris, then Sir Philip Harris, confounded the market when he bounced back with the launch of Carpetright. The company was an immediate success and was floated on the stock exchange

Lord Harris was on holiday yesterday and unavailable for

Clarke and his shadow are in similar corners Gordon Brown have

nore in common than either would admit publicly. Not only do they broadly agree on macro-economic strategy, if not on labour market and welfare measures, but they are in a similar political predicament. Both are under challenge within their parties. The attacks are linked to personal criticisms — in Mr Clarke's case over his strongly pro-European views and, in Mr Brown's, over his allegedly high-handed style of making policy. But at the root of the arguments lies an unwillingness of many of their critics to face up to disagreeable financial

All Mr Clarke was doing at the weekend was to highlight statistics, notably a rise in public borrowing over expect-ed levels, which has been worrying financial markets for some weeks. This is largely a result of a shortfall in tax receipts which is still puzzling Treasury officials and can only be partly explained by a slowdown in the rate of growth. Mr Clarke was merely pointing to the obvious when he said tax cuts must depend on the state of the economy, spending commit-ments to hospitals, schools

and the police, and on moving towards a balanced budget. The protests by the Tory Right miss the point. The demand yesterday by Terry Dicks that Mr Clarke should be sacked because he is "out of touch with the party with regard to tax cuts" is illinformed nonsense. Tax cuts cannot be conjured up out of nowhere. Mr Dicks suggests that John Redwood should be appointed with a mandate to cut spending and taxes. He seems unaware that Mr Redwood, in his All Souls rather than his populist mood, was last week distinctly cautious about the scope for tax cuts because of the fiscal deterioration

Mr Clarke's warnings are not the result of some pro-European plot, mistakes by him or lack of will, as Bill Cash implies. There is no way taxes can be cut on a large scale this autumn without being financially irresponsible. It is arguable that the Treasury should be lookON POLITICS

novels

tax base by bringing more items within VAT, though that is hardly likely before an election. Reducing public borrowing is anyway a mainstream Tory aim, whether or existed, as Norman Lamont has accepted. There is obviously a longer-term debate over the size of the public sector which would put Mr Clarke on one side and Michael Portillo and Michael Forsyth on the other. But, in the short term, that is the next financial year, there is little scope to cut spending plans more than a couple of billion pounds at most, and that will probably require creative accountancy. The existing squeeze on spending is already very tight and, as Peter Lilley has shown, savings on social security take time to come through.

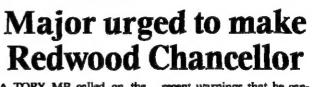
Mr Brown's problem as Shadow Chancellor is a mir-

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ror image of Mr Clarke's. He has to persuade his colleagues that Labour has to come up with real cuts in some programmes if it is to offer a credible fiscal approach. Good intentions, as in Chris Smith's welfare speech last week, are not enough. After the fuss over child benefits for 16 to 18-years-olds - which Mr Brown handled clumsily - tomorrow's statement on training and employment for young people will be a key test of "new" Labour's seriousness in substance, as opposed to rhetoric.

In both cases, the position of the Chancellor or Shadow Chancellor has to be upheld. Just as no government can prosper if a Chancellor is criticised from within, or relations are strained with a Prime Minister, so no opposition can appear as a credible alternative government if the authority of the Shadow Chancellor is undermined. They are the pillars of any administration.

PETER RIDDELL



A TORY MP called on the Prime Minister to replace Kenneth Clarke with John Redwood to improve the party's chances of survival at the general election (Jill Sherman writes).

The demand from Terry Dicks (Hayes and Harlington) reflects growing anger among rightwingers over Mr Clarke's

recent warnings that he cannot guarantee vote-catching tax cuts in his November Budget, Mr Dicks said: "I am calling on John Major to sack Kenneth Clarke as Chancellor. He is out of touch with the party and he is out of touch with everybody with regard to tax cuts. He seems to have his own agenda and as far as I am concerned he is too arrogant by far. On top of all this he

makes silly mistakes." Mr Clarke has given a series of interviews in which he has suggested that elections. are not won on tax cuts. But Mr Dicks said that the only chance the Tories had was to make Mr Redwood Chancellor with a mandate to cut public spending and taxes.

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Hollywood rushes to make Hardy's novels less obscure novels less obscure

FROM DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT, AT THE CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

AFTER Jane Austen, it is now Thomas Hardy's turn. Directors and producers are rereading his classics in a rush to make them into movies as money-spinning as Austen's Sense and Sensibility.

Jude, a faithful adaptation of Jude the Obscure, which is receiving its world premiere at the Cannes Film Festival, is one of five Hardy movies in various stages of production.

Michael Winterbottom, the

young British director who directed Jude, and Andrew Eaton, who produced it, are collaborating again on The Mayor of Casterbridge, while Phil Agland is making The Woodlanders, with funding from Channel 4 Films and Chargeurs, a French conglomerate. Negotiations are under way for Wessex Tales and The Return of the Native.

Although Tess of the D'Urbervilles and Far From the Madding Crowd have already received the Hollywood touch, Claudia Shaffer, who runs the rights department of Curtis Brown, the literary agents, said she had been inundated over the past few months with applications for rights to Hardy's novels from film, theatre and dance companies: "They are selling like hot cakes. I am getting

phone calls every day." There had, however, been curious ideas for adaptations, she said, including a suggestion to feature bouncing sheep in Far from the Madding Crowd -The Musical.

Changes in copyright laws in January, extending copyright to 70 years after a writer's death, have made the industry see Hardy in a new light. Hardy and John Buchan are among authors whose novels have been affected. As Hardy died in 1928 his work will return into the public domain at the beginning of

Peter Weinand, a partner of Farrer and Co. which acts for the Hardy estate, said that a work under copyright became a more marketable commodity, in that others could not make films of the same work. He suggested that after the formal, classical tone of Jane Austen, film-makers were yearning for a more romantic

Mr Weinand said that one of their partners was a trustee of the estate, a complex arrangement which involved 16 wills. He said that through a series of bequests, the rights were passed on via Hardy's widow to her sister and on to a housemaid. An anonymous

Colin Leventhal, of Channel 4 Films, spoke with excitement about The Woodlanders. which has a E4.5 million budget with Phil Agland making his debut as a feature-film director. "Hardy is a modern writer for his time." he said, adding that he was drawn to the novel by the combination of a great story and universal themes. This is a story that is still strongly contemporary the isolation of an enclosed community from the fastchanging outside world."

woman, a descendant of the

housemaid, is still receiving

Film rights can reach six-

figure sums. Anything put

into production before Janu-

ary I, when the copyright laws

came into force, is unaffected.

Jude is a £5 million produc-

tion, co-produced by

Polygram Filmed Entertain-

ment and BBC Films. Mark

Shivas, its executive producer,

said that audiences would

think it cost a great deal more.

as "a bold and generally

successful attempt to adapt

Hardy's final novel to the big

screen", and likened the style

to François Truffaut's costume

dramas. The Hollywood Re-

porter called it a "masterful

adaptation, both a brilliant

character study as well as a

pristine portrait of late 19th-

It stars Christopher

Eccleston as Jude, opposite

Kate Winslet's "thoroughly

modern" Sue. Winslet said

yesterday: "If Hardy was

Michael Winterbottom's feet

He has told the story Hardy

was trying to tell but suffered

because it was so heavily

alive, he would be kissing

century England".

criticised."

Variety described the film

Although Hardy is beginning to steal some of the limelight, Austen's love affair with film-makers is not quite over. A new production of Emma, the comedy of love and misunderstanding, is being premiered in Cannes.



Christina Tonitto of Sotheby's with the Swarbrick Nun. The doll, which spent most of its 350 years in a box, is expected to fetch £60,000

Persecution puts a high price on the model nun who turned out to be a hidden treasure

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND JOHN VINCENT

FEW lifeless wooden dolls can have seen so much life as the one expected

to fetch £60,000 when it is auctioned at Sotheby's next week. The 14in doll, dressed in the stiff cotton wimple and black woollen habit of a Jesuit order of nuns she has worn since 1680, is a potent reminder of Catholic persecution in late 17thcentury England. Rarity has com-bined with history to inflate her worth: only 22 other similar examples

are known in the world. Hidden in a wooden box from the prying eyes of religious zealots, the which is known as the Swarbrick Nun - was smuggled out of England and back again, and has since been in the care of the same Lancashire family for nearly 300 years. Sotheby's experts have found

that the doll was given to a small girl from the Swarbrick family, devout Roman Catholics of Swarbrick Hall, Singleton, Lancashire, in the mid-17th century, during or soon after the rule of Cromwell's equally devout

Protestant Commonwealth. Because of strong anti-Catholic feeling, the girl - whose Christian name is unknown - and her brother James were smuggled out of the country to be educated at a Catholic seminary at Douai in northern France, and later in Rome. The girl took the doll with her.

James Swarbrick became a Jesuit priest and his sister became a nun. She dressed the doll like herself and when her brother returned to England in 1680 she concealed the toy in a wooden box for him to smuggle home, so that their mother could see how her daughter was dressed. The doll was successfully returned to

him, James Swarbrick later stayed with another of his sisters, Alice, and her husband Richard Gillow at their home near Lancaster, where misfortune befell him. In 1717, two years after the Old Pretender's unsuccessful rising to regain the British throne for the Catholic Stuarts, the Gillows' house was searched and Swarbrick was thrown into Lancaster Castle on

suspicion of being a Popish priest. Swarbrick died in prison on the eve of his execution, at the age of 77, and became known as one of the Lancashire Martyrs. Gillow was also arrested, dragged before the justices at Preston and convicted of being a recusant — failing to be a regular attender at the Church of England. He died soon afterwards. But the doll survived and remained in the Gillow family until recently. Bunny Campione, Sotheby's doll specialist,

became something of a religious icon. was the work of an unidentified but highly skilled English craftsman of the mid-17th century. Twenty-two other examples of his work were known to be in private hands or

"All 23 have the same look and are undoubtedly by the same hand. It is extremely unlikely that one will come on the market again. This one has a wonderfully exciting history. But for all her adventures she has a tender. saintly, knowing look, as if she is about to give Benediction.

There is a real atmosphere about her when you pick her up. You feel that she has seen a great deal of life but remains pure and innocent. What makes her so interesting is that she is still wearing the Jesuit habit after all this time." The doll will be auctioned



Thomas Hardy, whose rising star now outshines Jane Austen in the Hollywood firmament



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Bonn is shaken by euro rebellion among Kohl allies

BATTLELINES have been drawn over European monetary union in the Free Democratic Party, a key partner in the ruling coalition of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor. The row looks set to rattle the Bonn Government as it plods unsteadily towards meeting the Maastricht entry criteria

for a single currency. The argument among the Free Democrats could hardly have come at a worse time: European Commission figures, due to be released tomorrow, are likely to show that Bonn will miss at least one of its EMU targets in the critical year of 1997. The Commission forecast suggests - as German sources confirmed yesterday - that both Germany and France will not be able to bring their deficit down to 3 per cent of total output. The forecast is providing

ammunition to the Euro-scep-

tic wing of the Free Democrats, which is demanding that the Government negotiate further treaties to ensure the lasting stability of the future European currency. The group, Liberal Offensive, is insisting on steps towards a political union before Germany embarks on monetary union. The group is lobbying to get next month's party congress to approve the principle of a party referen-dum on EMU.

This idea has triggered panic in the Free Democrat leadership. Klaus Kinkel, the For-

German unions step up strikes

By ROGER BOYES

GERMANY'S dustmen were yesterday preparing to join other workers in lightning nationwide strikes after fruitless talks between the Government and the public sector

Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, and his Cabinet are urging caim on the increasingly angry unions, fearful that workers will take to the streets against spending cuts as they did in France last

There can be no more powerful threat to civic calm in Germany than a dustmen's strike. Only yesterday the German recycling agency was bragging that Germany has become "world champion" in the rubbish disposal league. Each German recycled 65.5 kg (144 lb) of rubbish last year that is 77 per cent of all

household packaging.

So far the public service and tram drivers.

protests are at the level of warning strikes" - usually lasting only one or two shifts and switching from city to city. German postal workers in Munich, Stuttgart, Berlin and other cities were refusing to deliver mail yesterday. Bus and tram drivers are coming

out in other towns. It is the dustmen who can bring Germany to its knees. They, along with 3.2 million other public sector workers, want a wage rise of 4.5 per cent but would give ground in return for job guarantees. The Government is offering no wage increase and is seeking cuts in holiday entitlement.

Dieter Schulte, head of the German trade union federation, last night issued a warning of a "hot summer" of industrial protest with strikes in the offing by airport workers and banks as well as train



FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN

IN AN informal pact that could isolate Britain still fureign Minister and one of three ther in Europe, Spain has promised France "maximum key Free Democrat ministers in the Cabinet, said: "There co-ordination" and support in all future European Union European policy."

The Social Democrats, he said, had tried to play the negotiations.

can be no renationalisation of

Euro-sceptic card in regional

elections in Baden-Württern-

berg in March and had lost

votes. For the small Free

Democratic Party, on the cusp

of the 5 per cent needed for

parliamentary representation,

any serious loss of vote would

Among the party's right wing, there has long been some degree of Euro-scepti-

cism. In part, they are refuc-

tant to see a strong mark

surrendered for a weak euro.

But there is also a powerful faction committed to German

national sovereignty.

The dissidents are cam-

paigning for a delay in the introduction of EMU. If the

party backs them in an inter-

nal referendum, the protest

could spread to other coalition

partners - the Christian

Democrats and the Bavarian

While German big business

seems to be moving towards a

1999 start-up for EMU, con-

servative politicians in all

parties are urging a delay rather than a flexible interpre-

Kinkel: face set against

demands of dissidents

Christian Social Union.

tation of entry criteria.

spell oblivion.

According to Spanish diplo-matic sources, the agreement was concluded last Thursday by Abel Matutes, the Spanish Foreign Minister, and Hervé de Charette, his French counterpart, in private talks held during a meeting of the Medi-terranean Forum in Ravello, near Naples.

The agreement was sought by M de Charette, and was made to ensure the strengthening of the Franco-German axis within the EU. In the aftermath of the Italian elections, which returned that country's first left-wing Government, France appears to have turned to the conservative Spanish administration of José Maria Aznar for a reli-

able European ally. M de Charette, said to be perturbed by the "slackening" of the Maastricht process and by "the poor results" at the Turin Inter-Government Conference in March, sought and received guarantees of Spanish co-operation in future EU negotiations, particularly in regard to the reform of the Maastricht treaty and the admission of new member

In exchange the agreement gives Spain the promise of greater French involvement in the cross-border fight against Basque terrorism and "a strengthening still further of bilateral ties".

Madrid has for long complained that France's co-operation in the fight against Eta has been less than wholehearted.

Although details of the agreement have not been made public, it is likely that the French have accepted in principle the long-standing Spanish request that its police be given the right of hot pursuit into France of suspected Basque terrorists.



Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist presidential candidate, is surrounded by bodyguards after a campaign rally in Nizhny Novgorod at the weekend

Heat goes out of Russia spy row

THE TIMES TUESDA

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FROM THOMAS DE WAAL

WHAT had promised to be a serious spy row between Moscow and London appeared to be fizzling out yesterday a week after the Russian intelligence services threatened a mass expulsion of British Embassy diplomats.

A Russian Foreign Ministry official said on Sunday that "the subject is closed", leading Tass to comment that the issue would probably be resolved through diplomatic channels. The British Embassy would

say only that "there are no new developments. Discussion continue." There were no top-level meetings between the two sides yesterday and there appeared to be no imminent

threat of expulsions.

The playing down of the affair probably owes as much to a dispute within the Russian Government as to talks with the British side, which threatened tit-for-tat expulsions of Russian diplomats from London. Russian counter-intelligence made much of the accusations at first. But the more pro-Western Foreign Ministry refused to confirm the spy story and put the brakes on.

A source in the Foreign Ministry told the Interfax news agency yesterday that the alleged British spy was a middle-ranking Russian diplomat. "He is a fairly young man and had bright pros-

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Pope's attacker asks Vatican to intercede

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

MEHMET ALI AGCA, the Turkish gunman who tried to kill the Pope. yesterday marked the fifteenth anniversary of the assassination attempt by appealing to his victim to set him free. However, the Vatican said John Paul II had already pardoned Agea twice and had even visited him in prison, and had

no intention of intervening. The Pope, who was shot in the stomach and hand, has recently suffered mysterious intestinal ailments apparently linked to the murder attempt and subsequent emergency surgery. His injured hand still trembles uncontrollably.

In an often-rambling television interview from his prison cell in Ancona, Agea, who is now 38, gave a vivid account of events at St Peter's Square on May 13, 1981. He said he had almost given up his assassination attempt when the Pope made a second circuit of the square

during his weekly audience. When the Pope went round the first time I thought it was all over. I thought to

myself, I may as well go back to Switzerland and start a new life," Agea said, "But then he was in front of me, and an invisible supernatural force urged me on." He opened fire in "a desperate attempt to make history".

Agea said he was asking the Vatican to persuade Italy to release him. "I am not asking for clemency. I am asking for justice," he said. "I have served my sentence and paid for my mistakes, which I acknowledge," he said. "I am not a danger to society. I can be of use to the

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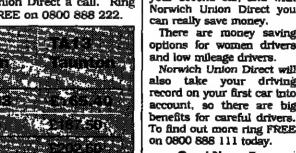
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Chirac rekindles Entente Cordiale

French President Spy row pursues his love affair with Britain



Jacques Chirac, the republican with a penchant for royalty, arrives in Britain in a conciliatory mood, writes Ben Macintyre from Paris

RELAXING in his study at the Elysée Palace in Paris on Sunday night, Jacques Chirac recalled the moment when, as an awestruck boy of 16, he stood in a crowd welcoming King George VI and the young royal princesses as they toured the shipyards of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Today, nearly half a century later, the man who is now President of France will encounter the same royal sisters from a rather different perspective when he is greeted at Waterloo station by Princess Margaret. He will then be driven in a carriage procession along the Mall after royal salutes are fired from the Tower of London and Green Park for a private lunch with the Queen at Buckingham

Before his three-day state visit to Britain, M Chirac granted a rare audience in his office during

6 Chirac did

not rule out a

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which he reflected on the increasingly warm ties between Britain and France as well as his fond memories of postwar Britain. The President expressed sympathy for the plight

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of British cattle farmers and said France would back any relaxation of the beef ban approved at a European level.

The Franco-British alliance is as vital to France as its relationship with Germany. M Chirac said, adding that recently he had urged Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, to show European solidarity with Britain over the beef

For a republican, M Chirac has a strong admiration for royalty and, as a Frenchman, an equally unlikely affinity for all things British.

his parents, the young Chirac month every year between the then said the prospect was one

ages of 16 and 20 to stay with the family of John King, a boy of the same age who lived in Rochester in Kent. It was Mr King's father, an executive in the shipbuilding industry, who arranged for the French youth to witness the royal visit to the shipyards at Newcastle upon Tyne,

M Chirac travelled widely during his British holidays, staying in YMCA hostels at Edinburgh and at Windermere, experiences that left him with a firm grounding in English, an appreciation of the British countryside and, he said, an enduring taste for le fish and chips eaten out of

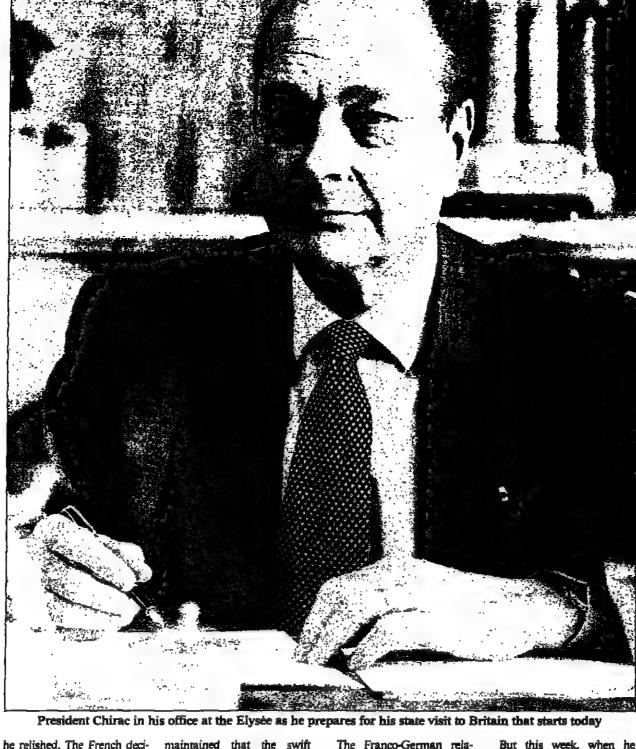
newspaper. Where his predecessors have tended to view "perfidious Albion" with at least residual suspicion, M Chirac is openly Anglophile, and Sunday's informal discussion left no doubt that he intends

blossoming of the Entente Cordiale. Relations between France and Britain, particularly in the area of defence co-operation. reached a new level of solidari-

ty, the President said. He applauded what he called the efficiency of the British armed forces and had especially warm praise for what he called the intelligence and strong leadership of John Major, the Prime Minister, with whom he has a close personal understanding.
However, he added that the

Franco-British link was enough to ensure a good working relationship with whatever party was in power. When it was pointed out that he would soon be sitting down to eat British roast beef with the Queen, a meat still banned in France, he laughed,

crucial importance of the



sion to ban British beef was not made unilaterally, he said. adding that Paris would support a European decision to lift the ban on beef tallow. gelatine and semen being discussed by the European Union veterinary committee

Pointing to his own roots in rural region of France largely dependent on cattle ming, M Chirac said he understood the distress of producers on both sides of the Channel. At the same time he

European ban on beef had prevented still greater panic among consumers.

In the same vein he sought to play down the differences between France and Britain over Europe, saying repeatedly that a united Europe without Britain would be unthinkable. Britain's reservations on Europe must be taken into account, he said, adding that he believes that Britain will join a single European currency Germany and France.

The Franco-German relationship remains central to French thinking, but M Chirac was at pains to suggest that that hallowed marriage does not preclude what might be called a "menage à trois" at the heart of Europe, with France balanced between Germany and Britain.

Almost a million British soldiers perished on French. soil in "two world wars, M Chirac said, noting that military co-operation in Bosnia, the decision to create a professional French army on the British model, similar thinking on the reform of Nato and the new Franco-British Air Group have all contributed to a new era of understanding.

The President had particularly glowing praise for what he termed the great "elegance" shown by Britain in not condemning the French resumption of nuclear testing, contrasting the civilised atti-tude of London with the response of other European

The President also expressed admiration for the tightly controlled and well regulated British economy and said he would be discussing issues such as deregulation and more flexible working methods with business leaders in the City during his stay.

The contradictions in M Chirac's thinking that have dogged his first year in office, notably his expressed desire for ever closer European unity at the same time as a "Europe of nations", have not yet

But this week, when he tours the depressed Glasgow neighbourhood of Easterhouse, addresses Parliament and lays a wreath at the Charles de Gaulle memorial, Britain may discover a French leader more attuned to British culture (and humour) and perhaps better equipped to deal with the complex cross-President since the founding

of the Fifth Republic. Old animosities change, he said, laughing off the periodic "Frog-bashing" in parts of the British media and recalling that his parents' generation once routinely referred to Ger-mans as the "Boches".

When asked whether, as a tabloid newspaper once reported, he had ever remarked during a summit that Margaret Thatcher "wanted his balls on a plate", the President emitted another guffaw, emphatically denied saying any such thing, and then grinned, as if he rather wished he had. Serious differences remain,

but no man knows better how symbolism can help to heal the most ancient scars. Today M Chirac will alight from a scheduled Eurostar train in a station named after one of France's most devastating military defeats at British hands. before eating a meal containing food banned by his own Government.

He might well have preferred le fish and chips, but M Chirac will be much too tactful to say so.

Anatole Kaletsky, page 16 Focus, pages 20-23

Elysée's new tenant opts for grandeur

BY BEN MACINITYRE

THE contrasting personal styles of the late President Mitterrand and his Gaullist successor are reflected in the interior of the Elysée Palace. M Chirac has ejected the modern furniture that was commissioned by Mitterrand,

Where Mitterrand favoured angular modern constructions by such celebrated designers as Philippe Starck, M Chirac has brought back the grander look of an earlier age with Louis XV chairs and intricately patterned upholstery. Almost every piece of furniture in the Elysee now boasts a carved, gilded animal and clawed feet, and the only obvious concession to modernity is a large television in the corner of the President's

returning the interior to the elegant look of de Gaulle's Perhaps the most telling tribute to his political mentor is M Chirac's decision to do away with the table created for Mitterrand by French designer Pierre Paulin in favour of the massive leathertopped Louis XV-style desk used by de Gaulle.

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Helicopter saves Everest survivor at 20,000 ft

Veteran climber tells wife 'don't worry' before dying

By Michael Horsnell and Ronald Faux

farewell to his pregnant wife by radio before dying of frostbite near the summit of Mount Everest, it was disclosed last night.

The news came as Seaborne Weathers, the American climber initially believed to have died in the blizzard, descended to a 20,000 ft pass. where a helicopter picked him up - the highest such rescue on record. "I am OK, I'm better now," said Mr Weathers, 49, from Dallas, after he was flown to Kathmandu by a Nepalese army helicopter chartered by the US Embassy.

Mr Weathers, who was part of a Swedish expedition, suffered facial burns from high winds and severe frostbite on both hands. The storm struck as Mr Weathers was only 400 ft from the summit, forcing him to squat on a rocky ledge without oxygen or anything to drink.

Mr Hall, a New Zealander, was one of eight feared dead by the harsh conditions on the famed 29,028 ft mountain as the climbing season takes off in treacherous weather. With mountaineering "tourists" paying more than £40,000 a head following the relaxation of numerical limits by the Nepalese Government, experienced climbers believe too many are being allowed on the

mountain at any one time. Mr Hall, 35, the only Westerner to have climbed Everest five times and his countryman. Andrew Harris, 31, who also perished, were leading an expedition of paying clients organised Adventure Consultants.

The two other victims from the New Zealand expedition were a Japanese woman. Yasuko Nanba, 47, viewed as her country's finest female mountaineer, and an American, Douglas Hansen, 44. The New Zealand Press

Association said eight climbers in all, from three separate expeditions, were believed killed as bad weather set in on their descent from the mountain. Amid confusion about the death toll, reports in New Zealand said the other victims included three Indian climbers - an expedition is being launched to search for their bodies - and a climber with a Taiwanese group.

Hailing the rescue of Mr Weathers, Geoff Gabites, chief executive of the Adventure Council,said in Christchurch that it was the highest helicopter rescue on record. The missing climbers were presumed to be above 28,000 ft "and it's just not possible to have a heliconter operating at that area", he said. At that altitude the

he did not survive a second night on Everest." atmosphere is too thin for Peter Hillary, son of the Everest conqueror, Sir Ed-mund Hillary, said Hall would have known he was likely to die when he was forced to camp without a tent or sleeping bag just below the

> He said Mr Hall would have realised that things were "very grim" when he had to pend the night exposed to a blizzard with the ailing Hansen. "A bivouse without equip-

helicopter rotors to function

Nepal has no rescue proce-

dures for climbers in danger, and requires each expedition to take responsibility for its

Mr Hall was last heard

from on Saturday night when

a radio operator connected

him to his pregnant wife, Jan Arnold, in New Zealand. His

assistant, Madeleine David.

said in Christchurch that,

according to his last message,

he was trapped above 25,200

ft, frostbitten with no tent or

sleeping bag and almost no oxygen, fluids or food. Ms David said the Everest

veteran told his wife, seven

months pregnant, with whom

he scaled the mountain in

1993, he was hopeful. "He

said: 'Hey, look, don't worry

about me.' The man knew that

there was an expedition, a rescue launched for him," said

Ms David. "Various other

who had two-way radio were

people in the expedition teams

encouraging him, talking to

him, and it seemed like he was

Friends were convinced he

But Colin Monteath, a fam-

ily friend, said: "The assump-tion has now been made that

would have made it down the

mountain but stayed behind to

help the sick Hansen.

in reasonably good spirits."

ment 150 meters below the summit in bad weather means at the very least you're going to get frostbite, and it could go right through to death," Mr Hillary said. "He knew that." Six other clients, one guide

and two sherpas from the New Zealand party made their way to a camp lower down the Steve Bell, managing direc-

tor of Himalayan Kingdoms



Seaborne Weathers, the American survivor, lands in Kathmandu yesterday after his rescue by helicopter

Expeditions, the Sheffieldbased company that offers guided attempts on Everest, described the deaths as a disaster waiting to happen.

"So many teams are now trying to reach the summit and relying on a hope that the eather will remain fair," he said. "Someone was bound to be caught out one day."

Mr Hall was "tremendously experienced, the top man on the planet" for guiding in the Himalayas, Mr Bell said. "I have immense respect for him, but on a mountain as high as Everest it doesn't matter that you have been climbing one year or 20 years, those storms are vile and if you are caught in one it will kill you."

Himalayan Kingdoms has one expedition on the Chinese face of Everest with three guides and seven clients attempting the summit, among them the actor, Brian Blessed. About 20 companies around the world organise climbing expeditions to the Himalayas, although climbers must accept that if it becomes clear they do not have the skill or stamina to make the attempt they may be

turned back without a refund.

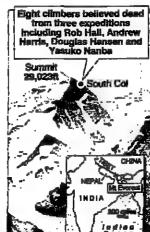
Andy MacNae, national officer of the British Mountaineering Council, said pressure caused by the number of teams attempting Everest was a danger. There are just too many people climbing, particularly when you have a mountain that is a honey-pot like Everest. Although it is technically a straightforward climb, when the weather suddenly turns bad it becomes a very different proposition, a serious

fight for survival." The mountain has claimed more than 100 people since it was conquered in 1953. Thirty mountaineers were on Everest when the latest storm struck on Friday, bringing temperatures of 40 below zero F and whipping winds. Twenty-two climbers were treated on the mountain for frostbite and other injuries and were continuing their descent, according to Jeff Herr, of Outside Online, a magazine published on the internet that has monitored one of the trapped

expeditions. Among the teams now on Everest is an American-led expedition making an IMAX giant screen film of an ascent via the South Col.

A solitary Swede, Goran Kropp, 29, cycled from Stockholm to the Everest base camp. He climbed without oxygen or sherpa assistance and, avoiding fixed ropes, reached just beneath the south summit before turning back because of the dangerous snow conditions.

Jamling Tenzing, son of Sherpa Tenzing Norgay, who was first to climb Everest in 1953 with Hillary, hopes to



reach the top ten years after his father's death.

The Nepal Mountaineering Association has organised an expedition to shift 1,500 kg of garbage from the mountain, which now has a permanent lavatory at base camp.

In the policy field Mr Gore has

lavished attention on issues

likely to be centre-stage by the

century's end - the environ-

ment, creating a nationwide

"information super-highway",

and modernising government. Finally, he has been career-

ing around the country, rais-

ing money for fellow Demo-

Refugees guarded at Ghana quayside

Takoradi: Thousands of sick and dying Liberian war refugees stranded on a freighter for the past week left the ship under military guard in this Ghanaian port yesterday and were being kept in guarded quayside tents.

Port officials said the Nige-rian cargo ship Bulk Challenger returned to dock after a generator failure forced her to stop as she tried to leave the port. They estimated it could take three days for repairs. Ghana said the ship would have to take her passengers back to Monrovia.

A second vessel, packed with 700 refugees from Liberia and Sierra Leone fleeing renewed clashes in Monrovia. moved closer to Freetown harbour in Sierra Leone yesterday, although local officials said thaat she had no authority to dock. (Reuter)

Israeli shot dead in West Bank

Jerusalem: Palestinian gunmen shot dead one Jew and wounded another in a driveby shooting in the occupied West Bank (Christopher Walker writes). The gunmen. who earlier fired at an armour-plated bus carrying Jewish settlers, struck as Is-raeli security forces were on maximum alert for threatened Arab attacks to coincide with elections on May 29. Twenty-four hours earlier Hezbollah wounded five Israeli soldiers in southern Lebanon.

Leader dies

Lagos: Nnamdi Azikiwe, first President of Nigeria, has died at 91. He was President from 1963 to 1966; Nigeria became a republic in 1963, three years after independence. (AFP) Obituary, page 19

'Black box' hunt

New York: Hopes grew that the "black box" of the ValuJet DC9, that crashed in the Florida Everglades with the loss of 109 lives, could be retrieved as workers found the jet's tail in the swamp.

Balcony deaths

Nairobi: At least 14 people were killed and five injured when the balcony of a dilapidated building which houses a supermarket collapsed in the Kenyan capital, police and witnesses said. (Reuter)

Serb in custody

The Hague: Goran Lajic, a Bosnian Serb charged with war crimes by the international criminal tribunal here, was handed over to United Nations authorities by Germany. the court said. (AFP)

Barry returns

Washington: Marion Barry. Mayor of Washington, has returned to work, ending the leave which sparked rumours he had relapsed into the drug abuse that drove him from office six years ago. (AFP)

£1.5m sweetener Cairo: Egypt is to pay more than El.5 million compensation to farmers whose sugar cane fields were cut down by police to flush out Muslim militants hiding in them, press reports said. (AFP)

"You're not sure your health insurance will pay my bill, are you?"

Rob Hall and his wife, Jan Arnold, celebrating in

Christchurch after their Everest climb in 1993



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Gore dogs Clinton tracks in White House trial run

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON is not the only man in the White House battling for the Oval Office. Al Gore, the Vice-President, is using Mr Clinton's re-election campaign to lay the strongest possible foundations for his own presidential bld in 2000.

Mr Gore has secured key jobs for his own men. He has focused on initiatives that should come to fruition over the next four years. He is wooing the union movement that presently incline towards Richard Gephardt, the more liberal House minority leader who is likely to be Mr Gore's main rival for the next Democratic nomination.

A Gephardt adviser suggested Mr Gore's strategy was to create for himself an "aura of inevitability" that would virtually preciude challenges.

Mr Gore, a former Tennessee senator, sought the Demo-

cratic nomination in 1988 but

stood aside in 1992 because his son was recovering from a near-fatal road accident. He is now scarcely bothering to conceal his presidential ambition, telling The New York Times. "I'm not actively discouraging the idea, but neither am I obsessed with it." To a friend who began a sentence: "If you run ..." Mr Gore insisted:

"Oh, I'm running." Mr Gore can count on Mr Clinton's support if he is reelected. In public he has been a loyal and self-effacing deputy, even during the darkest days of late 1994 when most Democrats despaired of Mr Clinton. In private Mr Gore has been an influential

Mr Gore has used his clout to stock the Clinton campaign and Administration with allies who will form the nucleus of his own team in 2000. They include Peter Knight, Mr Clinton's campaign manager.

crats and so putting them in his debt. Mr Gore has weaknesses as a candidate. Droll in private, his stiffness in public has spawned countless jokes. His delivery is wooden, and he could not possibly be described as inspirational.

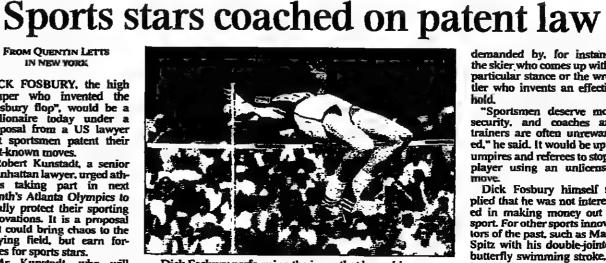
But if Mr Clinton wins in November, Mr Gore will automatically become the Democratic frontrunner for 2000. That is what he has planned. An aide recalled: "I remember going through [with him] the number of Vice-Presidents who became President. There were 14."

DICK FOSBURY, the high jumper who invented the Fosbury flop", would be a millionaire today under a proposal from a US lawyer that sportsmen patent their best-known moves.

Robert Kunstadt, a senior Manhattan lawyer, urged athletes taking part in next month's Atlanta Olympics to legally protect their sporting innovations. It is a proposal that could bring chaos to the playing field, but earn fortunes for sports stars. Mr Kunstadt, who will

publish his proposal next week in the National Law Journal, said yesterday that he has already received inquiries from leading sportsmen and women who are curious about how to capitalise on their innovations. Sports such as gymnastics, baseball and basketball are rich in opportunities, he said, and protection could be sought under exist-

ing laws. A basketball player, such as



Dick Fosbury performing the jump that bears his name

Michael Jordan of the Chica-go Bulls, who has a distinctive way of approaching the hoop, would stand to benefit, as would Kareem Abdul Jabbar, formerly of the Los Angeles Lakers, who invented the "sky hook" scoring shot. Bob Cousy, formerly of the Boston Celtics, could have made a great deal of money from his much-copied behind-the-back

"At least three forms of intellectual property protection might be used to secure rights in sports moves - copyright, patent and and trademark," Mr Kunstadt said. "Sports

ing their interests at present." Gymnasts could easily cite the widespread use of copy-right law in protecting dance and choreography steps, he said. Protection could also be

stars are not properly protect-

the skier who comes up with a particular stance or the wrestler who invents an effective

"Sportsmen deserve more security, and coaches and trainers are often unrewarded," he said. It would be up to umpires and referees to stop a player using an unlicensed

Dick Fosbury himself re-plied that he was not interested in making money out of sport. For other sports innovators of the past, such as Mark Spitz with his double jointed butterfly swimming stroke, it is probably already too late to capitalise. For patent law to apply, real

inventiveness had to be proved, said Mr Kunstadt. but trademark and copyright laws might be used to safe-guard characteristic moves. Mr Kunstadt, who has in

the past represented the US Olympic Committee, added that patent protection could relieve the pressure for state funding of sports as it would

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PRESIDENT MANDELA,

facing scathing criticism of his

personal leadership and Gov-

ernment's performance, yes-

terday attempted to con-

solidate the African National

Congress's grip on power by

rewarding favourite ministers

with portfolios abandoned by

the National Party.
He has come under mount-

ing pressure to personally

restore faith in the battered

South African economy. "It is

a small but significant way of

contributing to the pro-gramme of belt-tightening,"

Mr Mandela's Cabinet re-

shuffle came a day after the

fiercest, most personal attack

on his leadership had ap-

peared in the South African

media since the ANC leader

took power two years ago. Ken

Owen, the distinguished for-

mer editor of Johannesburg's

Sunday Times, said in a

signed article headlined "Too

much patting of children's

heads" that it was high time

Mr Mandela stopped celebrat-

ing and got on with the job at

business," Mr Owen wrote in

a leading article. "But I do

suggest it is time he took

The article raised the spec-

tre of devastating "stop-go"

matters seriously."

"How he does it is his own

ANC favourites fill

Cabinet as critics

turn on Mandela

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

economics unless Mr Man-

dela moved swiftly to stamp

his authority on the Govern-

ment and reassure investors.

[Mr Mandela] has done far too much travelling abroad.

He has made far too many

conciliatory gestures. He has basked far too long in the adulation of the masses, and

he has patted far too many

children's heads. It is time he

devoted himself to his job.

Until recently it seemed South Africans has been al-

most afraid to criticise Mr

Mandela, such is the awe in

which he is held. The country's

media has generally treated

the President with kid gloves

and fear of criticism has stilled

Increasingly, however, the

mood appears to be shifting as

concern grows among South

Africans about the devalua-

tion of the rand, waning

investor confidence and finan-

missive comments as the val-ue of the rand was plummeting, suggesting that

everything would come right without offering any tangible solutions, infuriated key fig-

ures in the white-dominated

business community. A Jo-

hannesburg talk show was

Mr Mandela's recent dis-

which is to govern."

constructive debate.

cial insecurity.

Mr Owen continued: "He

deluged yesterday with calls

from disgruntled whites com-

menting on the President's

performance. While praising

Mr Mandela's efforts at recon-

ciliation, the callers were gen-

erally critical of his

to ransom by the trade unions," screamed a white

Johannesburg housewife. Sev-

eral suggested he was out of

touch with the day-to-day

workings of government and

In last night's announce-

demanded firmer leadership.

ment Mr Mandela said the

General Services portfolio is to

be scrapped and the Agricul-

ture amd Land ministries

merged. The new minister is

to be Derek Hannekom, a

former ANC spokesman on

Four new ministers were

appointed to fill posts left

vacant following the with-drawal of the National Party

from the Government of National Unity last week. Mo-hammed Valli Moosa takes

over from Roelf Meyer as Provincial Affairs and Consti-

tutional Development Minis-

ter. The other new ministers

are Pallo Jordan, Penuell

☐ Trek continues: The num-

ber of white South Africans

emigrating, particularly to Australia and Britain, is in-

creasing, a spokeswoman for

the Government's statistics

South African emigration

increased by 22 per cent in January of this year, com-

pared with the same month

last year, according to Alida

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classified as professionals or

semi-professionals, among

them many doctors. (AFP)

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"Mr Mandela is being held

performance as a politician.

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The decision was announced separately yesterday by the centrist Janata Dal (People's Party) and the Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M), the two main components of the alliance known as the National Front-Left Front,

In a statement, the CPI-M said it was ready to support a government that did not include the Congress or the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP, Indian People's Party), but it would not be a member of a coalition.

Prakash Karat, of the CPI-M, said the party had passed a resolution during a meeting of its central committee in Delhi yesterday supporting the formation of a "non-Congress,

FROM JONATHAN MURSKY IN HONG KONG

ANSON CHAN, the Chief Secretary and Deputy Governor of Hong Kong, predicted yesterday that China would eventually adopt Hong Kong's democratic political system.

Speaking to Common-wealth MPs here, she said: There will come a stage when the gap, whether in economic or political institutions, between China and Hong Kong will close and close very rapidly ... By 100 years after 1997, maybe it will be one country, one system — and Hong Kong's system at that."

Ms Chan — who is not boycotted by Chinese officials, like Chris Patten, the Governor - normally talks of Hong Kong and China "setting aside their differences". But yesterday she made plain to her Commonwealth guests that, unlike their histories, Hong Kong was not moving towards independence; next year would come under the rule of a second "metropolitan power" with different values

With slightly more than 400 days to go before July 1, 1997, when Britain hands over sovereignty of the colony to China, she gave a warning that the people of Hong Kong would have to "unite to defend the autonomy and freedoms which have been promised to us and make them work".

Echoing Mr Patten's frequent comment that China's allies in the colony fail to inform Peking of the realities behind Hong Kong's success, the Chief Secretary urged those "who have dealings with China to be more prepared to stand up to defend and to explain our autonomy."

☐ Peking: China expelled two British tourists who entered and took photographs in southwestern Sichuan, an area off-limits to foreigners. The two, identified as Mark Allen and Steven Vincent, were put on a plane on May 5, a local newspaper said. The British Embassy İS to investigate. (AFP)

China 'will follow | Charity pleads with Peking Hong Kong road' to free club's dancing tiger

FROM TOM WALKER IN HONG KONG

A BRITISH charity yesterday deaded with the Peking authorities to allow a "dancing" tiger caged for the benefit of revellers at a Shenzhen nightclub to be released from its life of misery.

Firefighters tackling a big blaze yesterday at the general post office in Bombay, a Raj-era landmark of the city

"We've run out of adjectives to describe what is happening to this poor animal," Jill Robinson, Asia representative for the International Fund for Animal Welfare, said. "There is a genuine chance we can bring this to a halt."

The plight of one-year-old Dengdeng, highlighted on the front page of yesterday's South China Morning Post, has sparked widespread in-

rights campaigners. According to witness re-ports, the caged tiger is prodmove to the music and customers are invited to dance while separated from it by bars. Although it is the latest

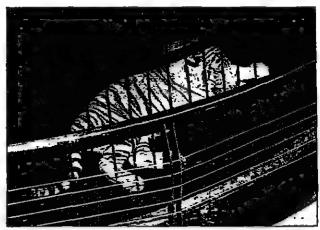
incident in a catalogue of

cruelty to animals perpetrated

in China, activists claim they are enjoying some success in persuading Peking to crack down on individual cases which could attract international attention.

Action to save Dengdeng could be slow, however. Shenzhen, in an economic

zone bordering Hong Kong's New Territories, is a two-day journey from Peking, and yesterday there was little sign of repentance at the club, DJ Disco. "It is not dangerous," Liu Yong, marketing manager. said. "We have pulled out Dengdeng's claws.



Dengdeng the tiger, whose treatment at a club in China has outraged animal rights campaigners

tions in January were Austra-lia, with 463 emigrants, and Britain, with 224. South African emigrants to New Zealand numbered 223, significantly lower than previous years. The United States was the fourth most popular destination, with 130 emigrants in those leaving South Africa are

Michael Caine as F.W.de Klerk and Sidney Poitier as Nelson Mandela filming in Cape Towm yesterday

Armed faction reconciled with Kabul

Kabul: The first of a force of 12,000 Afghan troops of the opposition Hezbi-Islami group began arriving here yesterday after the faction rejoined the Kabul Government, officials said here.

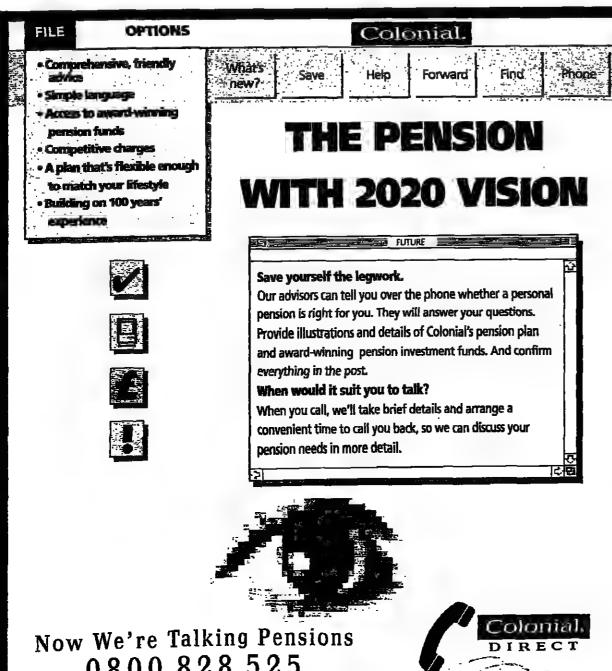
The alliance, announced yesterday by the Defence Ministry and confirmed by Hezb-i-Islami officials now based in Kabul, is one of the most significant here in years and could transform Afghanistan's political landscape. About 1,000 troops loyal to Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. leader of Hezb-i-Islami and former Prime Minister, are already billeted in barracks in Kabul's eastern and southwestern suburbs and more are expected.

"The deal between our two parties has now basically been finalised and we have begun implementing the terms of the accord agreed between us," said General

Abdul Majid Niazi, the Hezb-i-Islami commander here. Hezb-i-Islami will be given the posts of

Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Minister of Finance in the newly broadened administration, officials said.

The deal came after months of tense negotiations between the two sides and amid persistent rumours of a complete breakdown in talks. (AFP)



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Grace Bradberry investigates the belief that what you eat affects your way of life

Vitamins, allergies and good food for thought

released last year, the Kellogg cereal company was not im-pressed. John Harvey Kellogg, co-creator of the cornflake, was portrayed in the film as a to give America an enema and rid its diet of meat.

But at the heart of Kellogg's beliefs lay a notion far from alien to most consumers today. He believed that what we eat fundamentally determines who we are. His particular he blamed for the moral decline of the nation.

Kellogg's views may now appear unhinged, yet they have a certain hold on all of us. The adage that "you are what you eat" has been the subject of serious scientific research. Food additives have been linked with hyperactivity, low blood sugar levels with aggression, and all manner of problems have been traced back to food allergies. Feed Your Kids a Better IQ was the title of one widely read book in

Yet despite what appears to be mounting evidence in fa-vour of this thesis, the medical establishment is often sceptical. Those who insist that they need a high level of one vitamin or a diet eliminating common foods in order to function properly rarely have the support of their GPs.

Most doctors simply do not believe that the dietary requirements of the bulk of the population vary that greatly. In a new book, Food for Thought, David Benton, a psychologist at the University of Wales, looks at why many of the theories linking food and behaviour have failed to win medical backing.

'Any supposed benefits of an altered diet are explained away with little, if any, consideration as the psychological response of the gullible," he

establishment would often appear to right. Many of the most startling cases linking food to personality are not backed up when a large-scale study is conducted.

But does this mean they are bogus? Dr Benton points out that medical and scientific research depends on studying averages. Yet what if individuals vary far more greatly than doctors generally accept? An added difficulty is that



anna was weaned off her daily

cocktail of drugs and put on a

fast. After just three days she

became co-operative and

described how for years her nose had itched, her eyes had

watered and she had been

greatly overweight. Gradually

more foods were added to her

diet until it became clear that

bacon, egg, porridge, veal, tongue, coffee and chocolate

produced a negative reaction. Next, these foods were ad-

ministered directly to her

stomach through a tube, so

she would not know what she was eating (to rule out any

simply emotional reaction). The results stood up and

Joanna went home without

The cover of Mackarness's

drugs, but clutching a menu.

book claims that Joanna's case

shows "how millions may be

made ill, physically and men-

tally, by common foods such

as milk, eggs, coffee and white

flour". But as Dr Benton

points out, one case can do no

This has not stopped hun-

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in 1976, the psychologist Keith Conners tested the

theory by randomly allocat-

ing hyperactive children to

Felngold's diet and one other.

He found that there might be

tive children who benefited

from the Feingold diet, but

that the results were inconclu-

sive. By 1983, 20 studies had

So what are parents to

think? Feingold's diet appears

to work in non-experimental

situations, but falls down

under strict conditions. "The

only reasonable conclusion is

that most of the improvement

is psychological — a placebo response," writes Dr Benton.

been carried out.

hyperactive behaviour.

double-blind trials, used to eliminate the placebo effect, cannot always be applied to dietary research. If you extract one major food source from the diet. Dr Benton points out, another has to be added for the sake of balance.

But when anecdotal evidence for food theories is so strong, it is no wonder that many people reject the conservatism of doctors and continue to believe that changing your diet can change your life.

One of the most moving cases is described by the Richard psychiatrist Mackarness in his book Not All in the Mind. He relates the near-tragic tale of Joanna, confined to a mental hospital after the birth of her third baby. Depressed and irritable, she had become violent towards her children, knocking her three-year-old son unconscious and throwing her daughter through a ground-floor window. Her future

Under Dr Mackarness, Jo-

HYPERACTIVE children all

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Some are impulsive and ag-

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There has been enormous

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tives. The furore began in the

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paediatrician, Dr Joseph

Feingold, suggested additives

might be a cause. He advocated a diet which

avoided any foods containing natural salicylates and addi-

tives, and presented papers suggesting that between 40

and 70 per cent of hyperactive

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DEALING WITH HYPERACTIVE CHILDREN

ance tests. In response to the our diets, this month Safeway introduced an allergy testing service into five of its

But can our friends really suffer from so many allergies? Mackarness estimates that 30 per cent of the problems seen by GPs are exclusively due to food and chemical allergy. But consultants specialising in adverse food reactions find that many of those who believe they respond adversely to certain foods are displaying a psychological rather than a

biological response. The medical definition of an allergy is very strict: laboratory tests must show that an antibody called Immunoglobulin E has been released after the food is eaten. Any other reaction falls into the wider category of a food intolerance. Within traditional medicine, it is estimated that less than I per cent of the population of Europe displays a food intolerance, let alone an allergy.

imilarly, doctors are contemptuous of the idea that differences in our basic biology mean that some of us require large doses of vitamins. This concept took root in the late 1960s after Linus Pauling, a Nobel prize-winning chemist. proposed that large doses of vitamins could benefit the body and help sufferers from some forms of mental illness.

Megavitamin therapy is extreme and can involve doses of 100 or 1,000 times the recommended daily amount (RDA). It has been used, controversially, to treat severe autism (using vitamin B6) and schizo-

phrenia (using niacin). When most of us take vita-mins as a food supplement, we are usually taking only one or two times the RDA. In certain circumstances this might be unhealthy, but it is a far cry from what Pauling was recomus do not suffer from severe psychological disorders.

In recent years, however, there has been growing interest in high doses of vitamin C for apparently normal children. A 1994 study suggested that children with low vitamin C status tended to have lower intelligence scores. But studies looking at whether high doses of vitamin C can help with serious learning difficulties have been inconclusive - not all children respond in the

same way to supplements.
Should we avoid treatments simply because they are con-troversial? "In the light of the known adverse reactions to large doses of a few vitamins it seems sensible to suggest that megavitamin therapy example of an apparently miunder medical supervision." when there are many such comments Dr Benton.

But as he points out, unconventional treatments can become caught in a victous circle. Mainstream doctors will not try them, so the desperate relatives of disturbed or mentally ill patients turn to practitioners of fringe medicine. Sometimes these people have overstated their claims. Hopes are raised only to be dashed. For almost every food

theory, there is at least one

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cases - as with the link between food additives, allergies and hyperactivity - the icture is confused. Some children do suffer

from both hyperactivity and allergies. But which comes first? "It is simply not known whether the allergic reaction to food directly influences the brain," points out Dr Benton. Tor whether hyperactivity is a psychological response to the

stress of the allergy." Parents driven to distraction by their children's behaviour will hardly care very much, so long as a change in diet appears to bring results. • Food for Thought by David Benton, Penguin Books, £6.99.

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The dangers of drinking and smoking together A deadly combination DURING the last years of his life, the Duke of

Windsor's interests centred on the social round in Paris and New York. When in France he spent weekends at his Mill House where the entertainment followed a well-ordered pattern.

The lunchtime drill included drinks on the terrace, at which the Duke liked to act as his own barman. The Duke mixed a particularly pulverising dry Martini, of which he was very proud, and which was mainly gin.

Prince Edward's sympathetic television account of his great-uncle included many shots of him with a glass in his hand, and a cigarette or cigar in his mouth, and even among the memorabilia shown as an introduction to the film, there was a particularly splendid pipe which could well have been a prop in a Bulldog Drummond film. The Duke of Windsor's lifestyle

included many of the factors which increase the chance of developing a cancer of the mouth, nasal spaces or throat. These oral and nasopharyn-**DR THOMAS** geal tumours are often triggered by STUTTAFORD the combination of a regular use of tobacco and alcohol, even if neither is taken to

any very great excess. This combination of the Duke's cigars, pipe and cigarette smoke, coupled with the gin from his cocktails, would have made him prey to a cancer of the tonsils, the cause of his death. All cancers of the mouth are found more often in men than women, probably because of

their lifestyle.

Although cancer of the tonsils is not common, it is a risk for all those who smoke and drink regularly and is second only to cancer of the voice box, the larynx, as a site of

malignancy in the upper respiratory tract.

As in any other cause of inflammation of the tonsils, a persistent sore throat is usually the first symptom of malignancy, but the signifi-cance of this may not be realised until there is a secondary malignant enlargement of the tonsillar gland in the neck.

Unfortunately in the Duke of Windsor's

case, the disease spread rapidly, but others are luckier, for modern surgery and radiotherapy give a patient a 50 per cent chance of making a full recovery.

The same risk factors which predispose to cancer of the tonsil also apply to other cancers of the mouth and oesophagus. A third of patients who have tumours in any

of these sites, and have been subjected to this lifestyle, will later develop a second primary tumour after the first one has been treated; in consequence, careful annual checks are strongly recommended. One of the most misleading medical myths, still per-

petuated in family health encyclopaedias, is that tumours in the mouth first show as white patches, leucoplakia. Some malignancies are initially white but the overwhelming major-

ity of these prove to be benign after they have quite correctly, been biopsied.

The more dangerous patches in the mouth which have a very much higher rate of malignancy are those

which appear red from the very first. A persistent red inflamed area which may have a velvety appearance is an ominous sign of danger ahead and needs immediate attention. ANY change in the appearance of the lining of the mouth, whether it is red or white, and which lasts for more than three weeks despite

treatment, needs an expert opinion and biopsy. Recent press reports recounted the story of a man who had had a tongue reconstructed after His first action on returning home, after pioneering surgery which has enabled him once again to talk and drink, was to visit his

He wanted to wish his old cronies good health and enjoy a few pints. It was an unwise action, for after any oral tumour, smoking and drinking and any other habit which leaves the



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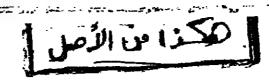
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TransCo future in doubt

Price curbs threaten British Gas

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE futures of TransCo, the profitable pipelines division of British Gas, and the restructuring of the whole company were thrown into doubt yesterday by price control plans from Ofgas that exceeded City fears.

In a harsh exchange between the company and Ofgas, Philip Rogerson, deputy chairman of British Gas, and the man who will be responsible for one of the biggest demergers in industry, said that the price curbs threw into question the regulatory procedure and threatened to destablise the industry. He said that the controls would be

SFA takes no action on copper company

By George Sivell

THE commodity group owned by Charile "Cop-perfingers" Vincent and Ashley Levitt, who were paid around £10 million a year each, yesterday said it would not be disciplined by the Securities and Futures Authority. Winchester, where Lord

Parkinson, the former Conservative minister, is contemplating taking a non-executive chairmanship, yesterday said that it had been notified by the SFA that there were no plans for disciplinary action. Mr Levitt and Mr Vincent are still shareholders in Winchester but are no longer directors because they live abroad.

However, a copy of a letter from the SFA to Winchester's solicitors, seen by The Times, points out that the SFA's enforcement committee "was concerned that there were issues raised by this case which might have implications for the future relationship between SFA and Winchester Broker-

age Limited".
"The committee has therefore asked that the senior executive officer of WBL should meet with Richard Farrant, the SFA chief executive, and an executive director in order to obtain reassurance that WBL is fully committed to compliance with SFA's rules." The SFA letter stated, however, that the SFA's enforcement committee "has decided not to initiate

disciplinary action". It is believed that the SFA originally became con-cerned by seven trades Winchester carried out on behalf of Codelco, the Chilean copper trading company.

"one of the biggest smash and grab raids ever and could destroy this industry at a time

After Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, stunned the company and the market with price curb proposals that could drain £850 million a year in revenues from

TransCo, Mr Rogerson said: "This business cannot be run on the basis of these proposals." He gave warning that the workforce would have to halve, to 10,000, and that maintenance and safety would be iconardised.

The two sides are locked in dispute over the valuations of the business, an issue that seems certain to go to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The price caps, proposed at a one-off hit of 20 to 28 per cent on revenues next year, and at RPI-5 thereafter, would, it is estimated, halve dividend prospects.

Such financial constriction would make the demerger of TransCo from British Gas trading, the supply business. extremely difficult. Valuation of the division would be complex during an MMC inquiry expected to last several months and when prospects for the business would not inspire new investment. One analyst said: "These proposals are far worse than our most bearish stance. Ofgas has been unremittingly harsh on every figure. It is difficult to imagine who will invest in this business now and it is hard to see how the demerger can be

made convincing.* Mr Rogerson said the demerger, scheduled for completion by spring next year. would proceed as planned. Ms Spottiswoode, who

valuing its assets by as much as £8 billion, has made clear that she will not move outside the range of curbs announced yesterday. She says the tariff reductions to the independent gas shippers will feed through to price reductions to consumers of up to £50 a year. She "The proposed targets are challenging, but in our view achievable. They represent a fair balance between the interests of customers and the

But British Gas, faced with reduced rate of return of between 5.9 per cent and 7.6 per cent and the revaluation of its assets, is complaining of interventionist regulation. Harry Moulson, managing director of TransCo, said: "We nationalised industry.

interests of shareholders."

The company claims she has introduced retrospective regulation, revaluing the business on historic figures and "re-writing the prospectus for the 1986 privatisation".

The Gas Consumers Council called for separation of the pipelines division from the rest of Britency and clear regulation. It says demerger plans, which lump the pipelines operation with offshore exploration and production and global activities, will not enable proper valuation of the network.

There will be consultation between Ofgas and British Gas until June, when the regulator will deliver her final target. If British Gas refuses to accept those curbs, the company will be referred to the MMC.

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Howard Davies said many companies operated a simple policy of removing over-50s, taking the cost on the pension fund

Business sees the wisdom of age

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

BUSINESS leaders yesterday launched an initiative to end age discrimination at work though they ruled out new

legislation to outlaw it. Leaders of 18 prominent UK business organisations, led by the Bank of England, joined to promote the value to business of mixed-age workforces, and especially of both attracting and retained experienced employees regardless of age.

Most of the force of the Employers' Forum on Age will focus on older people at work. Business leaders suggested that in terms of retention of staff, 50 was now the age at which companies started to consider shedding people, and in terms of recruitment,

40 was often a key threshold. British Airways said that by the year 2000 more than 20 per cent of its customers would be over 60, and it needed a wide age mix among its employees to reflect that. Cadbury said it deployed mature employees to pass on the specialised techniques of chocolate-making to younger staff.

Organisations involved in the EFA include the Bank, BA. BBC, Marks and Spencer.

Sainsbury, Commercial Union, Unigate, BT and B&Q.

Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, and other business leaders rejected the idea of new legislation to make age discrimination illegal, maintaining that even if such laws were introduced, some employers would find ways round them though they accepted 30-40 per cent of all recruitment advertis-

ing mentions age. But business leaders were unspecific about what companies should do to combat age discrimination — other than not firing people just because they were older, and failing to hire older people.

Mr Davies said: "In recent years many employers, under pressure to cut workforces, have operated a simple policy of removing over 50s, taking the cost on the pension fund." Bill Cockburn, chief executive of WH Smith, said the bottom line case for companies employing older people, in terms of reduced about turnover and absenteeism, was so strong it was

almost too obvious to state.

BUSINESS **TODAY**

Gap in orders costs 600 Yarrow jobs

ALMOST 600 jobs are being lost at the Yarrow shipyard on the Clyde because of a gap in the order book.

The redundancies were announced yesterday, just three months after the yard was awarded a £400 million order by the Ministry of Defence to

build three Type 23 frigates.
It is the second blow for workers at the Giasgow vard in recent months. A total of 430 people have already been made redundant since February. A spokesman said: "We always said there would be a second batch of redundancies. We thought that would be in April. We have managed to hold it off until May."

Slowdown for factory gate prices

PRICES charged by British factories in April showed their lowest annual growth since December 1994 despite a surge in the cost of imported crude oil and food. City economists predicted that retail price inflation will continue to drop in the months ahead. helping to keep base rates low.

Manufacturers' input prices rose by a seasonally adjusted 0.8 per cent in April after a 1 per cent increase in March. according to the Office for National Statistics. The annual rate of increase rose to 3.1 per cent from 2.8 per cent.

The increase in input prices last month was bigger than the 0.4 per cent that the City had been expecting. However, the rise largely related to higher crude oil and food prices. Core input prices which strip out food, drink. tobacco and petroleum products - rose by 0.3 per cent in the month. This took the yearon-year rate to minus 0.3 per

petrol, core output prices rose cent, the first year-on-year drop since early 1994. by a seasonally adjusted 0.1 This, together with a subper cent, taking the annual rate of increase down to 2.8 per dued rise in output prices, helped the markets to absorb cent from 3.4 per cent.

Michael Saunders, UK the news with little concern. economist at Salomon Broth-Output prices rose by 0.3 per ers, said that the recent surge in food and oil prices could cent in April, depressing the annual rate of output price 3.5 per cent in March. Excludlow inflation if sustained, but ing food, drink, tobacco and

be. He noted that sterlingdenominated oil prices had slipped in recent weeks.

He said that the recent slide in output prices bodes well for the inflation outlook in the year ahead, with retail prices tending to follow output prices with a six-to-t2-month lag. "These figures leave base rates on hold," he said.

Housing market begins to stir

THE modest recovery on Brit-ain's high streets appears to be continuing with some evidence that stirrings of life in the housing market are now helping to buoy spending (James Bush writes).

The British Retail Consortium today said the value of like-for-like retail trade, which strips out changes in floor space, rose only 0.4 per cent in April against a year ago, a far

cry from the 7.5 per cent jump recorded in March. However, the BRC said both sets of figures were distorted because of the timing of Easter. Easter was nine days earlier this year, putting the big pre-Easter selling week in March instead of April.

The BRC said taking March and April together, the yearon-year rise in sales was 4.4 per cent higher than a year ago. This represents a modest strengthening from the average growth rates of 4 per cent over the winter months and quite a healthy acceleration from the 2.7 per cent average for the whole of last year.

Cold weather in April hit clothing and footwear sales: but a strongish performance by furniture retailers appeared to confirm anecdotal evidence of a housing pick-up.

Boardroom departure at WH Smith

BY SARAH BAGNALL

THE restructuring of WH Smith, the retail group, under Bill Cockburn, the new chief executive, has resulted in the boardroom departure of David Roberts. managing director of distribution and services. Mr Roberts, 53, could

receive compensation for loss of office of about £360,000 as a result of his two-year service contract and annual pay of £180,000. Jeremy Hardie, chair-man, said Mr Roberts "agreed that there is no longer a need for the post he had been filling and is now keen to develop his other business interests". Mr Roberts was chairman of Niceday, WH Smith's business supplies operation sold

last month for E142 million

to Guilbert of France.

BAe and Matra deal on target

By PAUL DURMAN

BRITISH AEROSPACE has finally cleared the last of the commercial obstacles standing in the way of its longrunning attempt to merge its missile business with Matra Hachette of France. The two missile businesses

will be combined in a £900 million a year operation that will be known as Matra BAe Dynamics. This will be a French company, headquartered in London, with a British chairman and a French chief

BAe has agreed to pay up to £110 million to Lagardere, the owner of Matra Hachette and a 50/50 partner in the new joint venture. The amount payable will depend on the success the new company has in bidding for defence contracts over the next four years. The first fruits of the deal

may be seen in the next couple of months. The Government will shortly award a £800 million contract for the Ty-phoon "tank-buster" missile and a £650 million contract for a conventional stand-off missile (Casom). A BAe spokesman said that

the merged business would be more effective in competing for missile contracts. The merger, which has been

under discussion for more than three years, was stalled while the French Government tried to persuade the Ministry of Defence to award the Casom contract to the new сотралу.

BAe and Matra Hachette will still need to secure various regulatory approvals for the

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Engineers will put **UK** employees on works councils

BRITISH companies affected by Brussels' plans to bring in LEuropean-style works counecils will all include their UK uemployees on the new bodies n in spite of the Government's Csocial chapter opt-out, engi-eneering industry leaders said

The findings of the EEF Cengineering employers, after Iconsulting widely among UK congineering companies, mark (a contrast between the pragmatic approach of business to the introduction of European works councils (EWCs) and the strong opposition voiced by government ministers and national business leaders.

EEF leaders drew some criticism from engineering companies for mounting a series of regional meetings on EWCs, with some companies arguing that it not only undermined the social chapter opt-out negotiated from the Maastricht treaty by the Prime Minister, but also

would actively encourage EWC formation.

Reporting back yesterday, EEF leaders said a clear majority had only just started to think about the introduction of EWCs and a significant minority had undertaken no planning for them at all. An EU directive comes into force on September 22.

Though the opt-out means many companies will be unaffacted by the directive, those with transnational interests will be and some are reaching negotiated agree-

Peter Reid, EEF European affairs co-ordinator, said yesterday the EEF's exercise showed that no UK company affected by the EWC directive had said they would exclude their British employees from any consultation structures they established. The conclusion underlines the extent to which British companies and their employees will be affect-

ed by EWCs, despite the opt-out. Currently, some 30 UK companies have negotiated EWC-style deals, and EEF leaders expect that number to rise to about 40, or possibly 50, by the time the EWC directive

falls due later this year.
The EEF said yesterday that this would leave some 100 UK companies negotiating from September under a legallydetermined process already set in place by Brussels.

Across Europe, a further 900 companies would be in this position. The EEF calculates that there will be about 300 voluntary agreements in place from about 1,500 companies affected.

UK subsidiaries of companies headquartered in countries such as the US and Canada are concerned, according to the EEF's consultation exercise, that the EWC directive will be a further cost hurdle to operating in Europe. with little or no benefit.



Cards close to their chests: John Jackson, left, with Peter George, chief executive, played down merger talk yesterday

Ladbroke lengthens merger odds

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

JOHN JACKSON, chairman of Ladbroke, yesterday played down speculation of a possible merger with Hilton Hotels Corporation of the US, describing talks between the two companies as "ai

Mr Jackson said at the company's annual meeting that talks between the two companies over re-uniting the Hilton

of avenues. Ladbroke owns the Hilton International chain while Hilton Hotels has the rights to the Hilton name in the US. Speculation had grown in recent weeks that the two companies would seek a full merger.

But Stephen Bollenbach, chief executive of Hilton Hotels, said last week that while a merger of the two hotel operations might be possible. Hilton was not

chains of hotels were exploring a number interested in joining forces with Ladbroke's gaming division. Mr Jackson added that Ladbroke's performance in the first four months of this year had been satisfactory with profits ahead of the corresponding period of last year. The hotel division increased occupancy levels by one percentage point while revenue per room jumped 8 per cent.

Ladbroke shares closed down 2p at

Jobs go as **Powerstore** outlets close BY SARAH BAGNALL

MORE than 250 jobs have been lost as a result of last month's collapse of Powerstore, the electrical retailer formed out of the high street tricity companies.

Arthur Andersen, administrator to the electrical group, yesterday announced the clo-sure of 31 of the group's 85 stores. David Duggins, a partner of Arthur Andersen, said: There are a number of cases where an electrical retail outlet in the high street is clearly not viable in the face of the competition from out-of-town stores. Furthermore, in the case of some superstores, there is already substantial overca-pacity in out-of-town loca-tions." Of the stores closed,

seven are superstores. The remaining 54 stores remain open, Mr Duggins said: "We have received many expressions of interest in the

assets of the businesses. The group was formed from a management buyout in 1993 of London Electricity's retail outlets, which were then merged with 71 Homepower stores, acquired from East Midlands Electricity and Yorkshire Electricity, the joint owners.

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Court blow for T&N

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

over asbestos claims T&N suffered a setback vesterday when a US court appeared to open the door to more expensive asbestos litigation. Shares in the automotive components group fell 11p to 164p when T&N revealed that a court had ruled against the "Georgine" Settlement, a procedure whereby all claims for injury due to

asbestos are settled through an arbitration procedure. T&N said vestenday that the injunction requiring claimants to use the procedure could cease in 21 days. T&N said: "Should the injunction cease, it seems likely that the number and cost of new US health-related claims filed

against T&N may be greater than under only the 'Georgine'

Cocoa at 8-year high

BUBBLING world cocoa prices whisked to eight-year highs yesterday as speculators bet on scarce supplies in the coming season sending values even higher. Traders said cocoa has been flavour of the past two months on the London Commodity Exchange where huge positions had been built in order to get hold of cocoa before the new harvest season which starts in October. The price for July delivery cocoa soared to £1,138 a tonne, a level not seen since January 1988.

Workfare redundant

THE Government made clear yesterday its opposition to US-style workfare, state-provided work schemes that the unemployed are compelled to take part in or lose their social benefits. The Government's statement represents its first formal rejection of workfare, an idea much beloved on the political right as a way of reducing the number of "workshy" benefit claimants. The rejection of workfare came in its reponse to the former Commons' ali-party Employment Select Committee's report on the issue.

Fokker rescue possible

FOKKER, the bankrupt Dutch planemaker, was inching to a possible rescue by Jaap Rosen Jacobson, a businessman, yesterday, but the furm's main suppliers said that they had given the receivers just two more weeks to secure a salvage. Short Brothers, which supplies wings made in Belfast, said it and Daimler Benz Aerospace were negotiating delivery of more supplies to Fokker, but that the Dutch firm would have to find a rescuer before the end of May. Two other interested groups have yet to deliver proposals.

Apple to cut models

APPLE COMPUTERS will seek to dramatically reduce costs by cutting the number of computer models it sells, Gilbert Amelio, the chief executive, said yesterday. He said the company will cut the number of models in half during the next 12 months and focus on its Mac operating system. paring back to one operating system from six. Apple hoped to reduce its costs so that the company can be profitable at \$9 billion in revenues, or \$2 billion below last year's sales.

Coventry drops CU

FALLING demand for endowment mortgages has led the Coventry Building Society to end its association with Commercial Union. The society has been selling the insurer's policies and said yesterday that a review had indicated that more borrowers would be choosing straightforward repayment mortgages. Fears that some endowment policies would not yield sufficient cash to repay loans in full has boosted sales of traditional

Airbus change wins support

MINISTERS responsible for the individual countries participating in Airbus Industrie. the civil aerospace consortium, said that they supported turning Airbus into a single corporate entity.

Norbert Lammert, who is responsible for aerospace issues in the German economics ministry, said: "We feel the intended structural changes must take place as quickly as possible."

However, several of the ministers said that the final form that the company will take is not clear. Herr Lammert, speaking at a conference for the international Air and Space Exhibition in Berlin, added: "The objective is one common European

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☐ Ofgas offers a model for Labour ☐ How Barclays could gain from demerger ☐ Cashbacks cause mutual pain

OFGAS's plan for TransCo will be pivotal to the future of utility regulation in Britain. The question is whether it will be the system's reductio ad absurdum or mark its transition to a new form of socialism.

On the surface, the initial proposals look so silly that they would be a bit of a giggle, were not fill billion of private assets. the safety of the nation's gas supply and the future of 20,000 employees at stake. The directorgeneral claims that the review strikes a fair balance between shareholders and consumers and allows "an appropriate return to investors. The figures put this in perspective.

Ofgas projects that net cash flow available to pay interest on loans and dividends will fall from £721 million in 1996 to between £92 million and £273 million in 1998, if TransCo meets Ofgas efficiency and growth targets. British Gas has borrowings of about £3 billion and last paid a dividend of £630 million, of for which TransCo provided about 80 per cent.

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No one has even suggested this strikes a fair balance for employees. TransCo reckons it would have to sack half of them to meet Ofgas targets, but could not safely do so. Employees can

Renationalising British Gas

certainly not expect to maintain their living standards. They will continue to be the chief victims of the current regulatory regime.

As the director-general explained, however, this is an intellectual review". Otherwise, how could Ofgas reckon it was generous to investors. In the practical world, British Gas shares have risen by less than two fifths of the all-share average since privatisation and have actually failed to keep up with inflation, falling in real terms over a full decade. Ofgas manoeuvres charges down by redefining the value of assets. discounting depreciation and then reducing the rate of return. because TransCo is a low-risk investment. In reality, Ofgas has fallen into the regulatory trap of turning TransCo into a high-risk business needing above average returns to be worth touching.

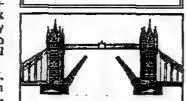
This is where the politics come in. An ambitious regulator cannot afford a review acceptable to the company, for fear of looking weak. This review is meant to

end up with the MMC. It is also a blueprint for a Labour government to eliminate utility investors without having to buy back their assets. Ofgas has already informed Labour's attitude to Railtrack, one reason why rail

investors should be short-term. This plan would, in effect, renationalise most of British Gas. Instead of merely preventing monopoly price rises, regula-tion can be a proxy for ownership, turning the utility into no more than a captured licensed contractor. This is an interesting model, but possibly not quite what Conservatives had in mind.

An answer to Taylor's prayers

MARTIN TAYLOR appears pretty cheesed off with the stock market these days. Used to being a City darling while at Court-aulds Textiles, the Barclays chief executive is finding life as head of a poorly rated high street bank PENNINGTON



week, Mr Taylor told a banking conference in the French town of Annecy that the markets appear to think Barclays' management constitutes "a bunch of idiots". adding: "It is my job to prove

But how will he do this? Through a slow slog of well-behaved results, keeping growth in tight reign for fear of stepping on a landmine. Or through some radical solution that proves Mr Taylor is indeed the breath of fresh air the banking market has been waiting for.

For a while, Mr Taylor has been showing analysts a chart dividing Barclays into four businesses - personal, corporate and investment banking and asset

He denies that this is either a corporate structure or a template for a demerger. But Martin Hughes, at Credit Lyonnais Laing, the stockbroker, has done a "what if?" study on the possibility of demerging the latter two, which are contained within Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

The result could be the answer to Mr Taylor's prayers. Hughes reckons that floating a minority stake in BZW would value that business at around £2.5 billion. Valuing the rest on a same rating as the bank that they would most resemble, Lloyds TSB, would give a price tag of at least the current Bardays market value, of £12 billion.

It seems like a sleight of hand. But recent regulatory changes mean that having an asset-rich retail bank does not help the capital ratios of an investment bank in the same group. And the value released at Mr Taylor's old home, Courtaulds, by the

Lenders trapped by mobile loans

demerger of the chemical and

textiles business, shows what can

□ WHAT we really need is a return to the old days of the building society cartel dictating what can be loaned and when. The view is not from a bornagain mutualist, but a lender caught in the trap of forever giving borrowers thousands of pounds in incentives and finding that their share of the mortgage market is not growing.

Thousands of customers are benefiting each year from cash-backs of up to £9,000 when they take out home loans even if they do not move house. They cannot believe their luck receiving real cash, not vouchers, for remortgaging. Not surprisingly, such deals are more attractive than cheap rates to borrowers, and they are hurting the lenders that invented the schemes to try to breathe life into the housing market. It did not work.

Few borrowers are moving house, but customers like the idea of a few thousand pounds every couple of years just for moving their loan about Not surprisingly, the lenders are getting a bit anxious and beginning to admit that they cannot afford to keep on handing out large cheques to new customers, but they also cannot afford to be the first ones to say enough is enough or they will lose precious

market share.

They feel there is little to gain from continuing to offer such largesse but everything to gain from being a meanie. For once, it looks like the Building Societies Commission is riding to their rescue in the form of Geoffrey Fitchew, who will be warning societies at their annual conference this week that they must place limits on the proportion of lending that is discounted or has a cashback attached if they are not to put themselves at risk. Many would secretly like the commission to go further, or for the might of the building society movement to walk away from such costly gimmicks. Customers should buy now before

Standard Life to sell £900m stake in Bank of Scotland

By Marianne Curphey

THE Bank of Scotland was tipped as a takeover target yesterday after it confirmed that Standard Life, a big shareholder, was planning to sell its 32.2 per cent stake. The shares rose 14p to

252 p as the City speculated that possible buyers for the holding, estimated at about £900 million, included HSBC, Midland Bank's parent, NatWest Bank, Abbey Nat-ional and the Halifax Building Society that might use it to launch a full bid.

Meanwhile, Standard Life, a leading mutual life company and one of Britain's biggest investors, stressed that its the stake, which it had held for more than 11 years, did not affect its business partnerships with Bank of Scotland. Bank of Scotland, whose governor is Sir Bruce Pattullo, sells Standard Life general and life insurance products through its branches and is the preferred bank to run the deposit-taking service Stan-dard has planned for launch later this year.

A spokeswoman said: "This does not affect the plans for the banking service which are still at an embryonic stage." Neither side was willing

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yesterday to indicate what

percentage of the stake would be sold. Shares in Royal Bank of Scotland, which had also been tipped as a takeover target, fell yesterday and SBC Warburg advised clients to switch out of Royal Bank into Bank of Scotland and downgraded Royal Bank to a "hold" from a "speculative buy".

Some reports had suggested that Standard Life wanted to sell its stake because it was uneasy at Bank of Scotland's acquisition of the Bank of Western Australia last year, a move it might have seen as speculative. A merger between Royal Bank of Scotland and



Bank of Scotland might incur intervention by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission because of questions over competition rules.

director of Standard Life, said: The investment has been a very good one for us with above-average earnings and dividend growth but it now represents in excess of 6 per cent of our UK equity portfolio. This is a large proportion for a single investment. Standard Life continues to have confidence in Bank of Scotland's future prospects and strategies, but we nevertheless believe it could be in the interests of our equity portfolio by realising some or all of our stake."

Standard Life, which has denied that it is considering plans for a stock market flotation, might use the cash to buy a small mutual life insurer or a building society. Both the general and life sectors of insurance in the UK are currently in a state of turmoil as companies merge and consolidate. Alternatively, it could use the extra cash to increase its solvency margin, or reinvest it in other UK equities.

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Kunick optimistic on gaming laws

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

eye care and skin products. announced yesterday that heavy investment programme its merger talks with Pharfor a flat half year as the macia and Upjohn had company yesterday unveiled a The merger, which would have given Pharmacia and per cent increase in profits, before exceptional items, to E4

Upjohn a platform for a new glaucoma product, would have valued Aller-The company insisted that the second half would be gan at \$2.5 billion. stronger, with new gaming deregulation coming into ef-Allergan has grown rapidly since 1989 when it was hived off from Smithkline fect that will allow fruit machines to pay out all-cash prizes and to be placed on during its merger with Bee-cham and had revenues betting shop premises. Kunick last year of \$1.07 billion. A was also optimistic about the introduciton of the new third of its business is con-Smilin' Sam's food and fruit tact lens care products, in machine ventures. which it has 11 per cent of

the world market. This Russell Smith, chief executive, said: "Reorganisation in would fit well with Phar-France and the introduction of macia and Upjohn's eye new gaming machines in the

KUNICK, the gaming and UK cost around £1 million in leisure company, blamed a profits for the first half. But profits for the first half. But the introduction of the new £10 all-cash machine will be a major benefit and will expand the market." Profits from the core UK

> had increased by 16 per cent. an increase in the maximum payout from £6 to £8. Profits from the French gaming sub-sidiary fell by £500,000 after restructuring costs. The French nursing division

gaming machines division

increased profits by 68 per cent. The company said it was looking to dispose of the business in the medium term. The interim dividend was

raised by 20 per cent to 0.3p. Shares in the company fell &p

Treasury reaction troubles business leaders

PFI hits another setback

By PAUL DURMAN

BUSINESS leaders yesterday expressed dismay at the Treasury's reaction to the latest setback to the Private Finance

Andersen Consulting is having to shoulder more than £10 million of additional costs after falling behind schedule on the delivery of a new computer system for handling

National Insurance records. The Treasury said the heavy costs being borne by Andersen showed that PFI worked and, in one report, an official said the Treasury was delighted by the huge compensation payment. Charles Cox, an

executive director of Hoskyns. the computer services company, and chairman of the Confederation of British Industry's PFI working group, said that he was appalled by the tone of the Government's reaction. "It will frighten a lot of potential suppliers."

Mr Cox said that the Treasury reaction exposed the cultural problems the PFI faced. Civil servants were keen to offload project risks on to private sector businesses, but unwilling to redefine objectives as work got under way and the difficulties became

better understood. Alan Ste-

vens, managing director of the social security division of EDS, the computer services company, said: The Government should not expect to shovel all the risks over the fence into the arms of the Andersen said the taxpayer

was saving millions of pounds a year thanks to the company taking over the running of the NI computer systems.

It dismissed industry talk of a E25 million bill for compensation and additional running costs. It said it still hoped to make money on the contract, which runs until 2004.

Stakis develops a healthy interest in fitness

By Alasdair Murray

STAKIS, the leisure company, moved into the health and fitness market yesterday with the £20 million purchase of LivingWell Health and Leisure company.
Stakis already has 25 fitness clubs

based in the company's hotels but said the latest purchase would enable it to build a stand-alone business. Living-

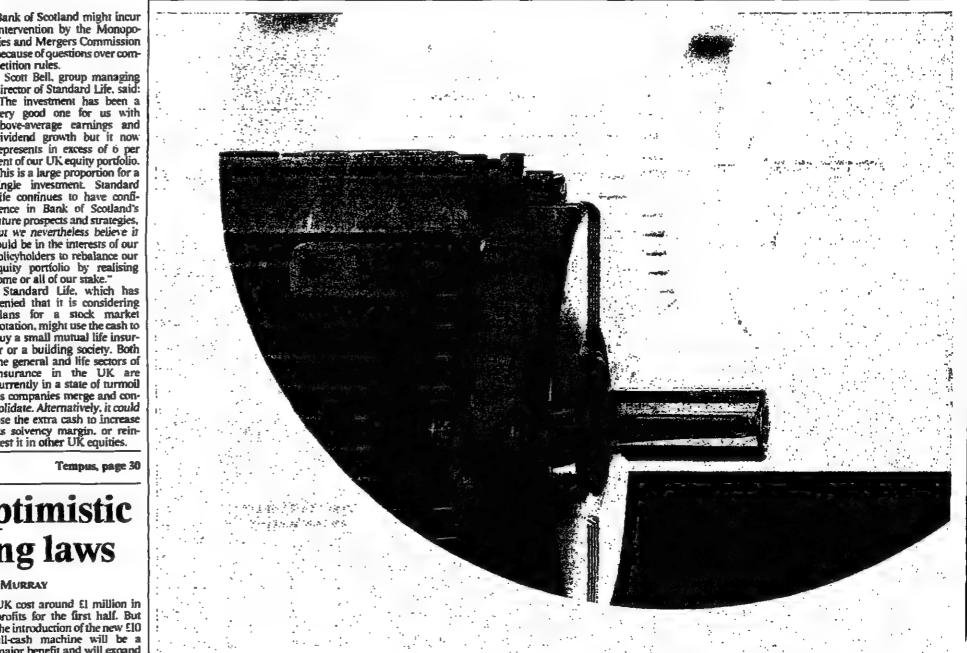
Well has five city centre clubs in operation, with a total membership of 12,500, and fast year made an operating profit of £1 million. Stakis said it was aiming to open another six clubs a year over the next few years, while rebranding the existing hotel clubs.

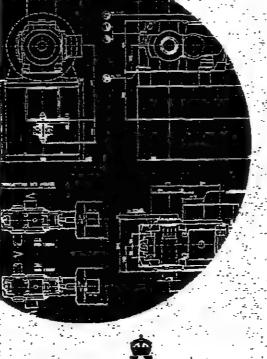
Stakis also announced yesterday the appointment of Anthony Harris as managing director of Stakis hotels. Mr Harris, who is currently a senior Hotels with reponsibility for the company's Italian resorts, will also serve as a director on the main board. The company added that it had

completed a strategic review of its operations and was setting a target of 15 per cent annual earnings growth, while maintaining long-term gearing at about 50 per cent. Stakis is aiming to expand its casino interests abroad

and will concentrate on meeting yield growth and development capital expenditure targets in its hotel division.

David Michels, chief executive, said: "The strategy we have unveiled today and the acquisition we have announced will carry us forward to an even more successful future." Shares in the company rose 2p to close at 110p.





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British Gas shares hit for £1.2bn by Ofgas review

THE equity market was unset-tled as British Gas dived 27p to 201p, on heavy turnover of 54.6 million shares, after Clare Sportiswoode, of Ofgas, the gas regulator, shocked the City by unveiling a tougherthan-expected price review.

The share price fall, which wiped nearly £1.2 billion off the company's market value, was exacerbated by considerable put options activity and the harshness of the Ofgas statement. Ofgas has called for cuts of between 20 per cent and 28 per cent in the first year at TransCo, the group's demerged pipeline and transportation business. British Gas rejected what it called draconian proposals and threatened to go to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The company said its revenues would be slashed by more than its current profits. while jobs and dividends would also suffer.

British Gas was the dominating factor for equities, with the fall in its share price accounting for more than six points off the FT-SE 100 index. Ex-dividends in a number of stocks including BP, General Accident and SmithKline Beecham wiped a further three points off the index. A positive start to trading on Wall Street failed to lift London and the FT-SE 100 index ended down 15.2 points at 3,739.2 in thin conditions. Volume reached only 674 million shares.

Meanwhile, the speculators turned their attention on to Bank of Scotland, the oldest financial institution in Scotland. The bank's independence was placed under threat after Standard Life, the insurance group, said it was considering selling all or part of its 32.2 per cent stake. A possible stake sale is seen as putting the Bank of Scotland in play as a takeover target, driving the shares up 14p to 2522 p. on heavy volume of 10.6 million shares. City analysts said if the shares, acquired in 1985. are put on the market, the bank would be wide open to a UK rival seeking expansion or a foreign predator, possibly from Germany. If the entire stake is sold to a single buyer. the purchaser would

under City takeover rules. to 874p after the defence to aerospace group announced a missiles joint venture with Matra, the French defence company, BAe and Matra

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Alan Peterson, left, and John Dobby, chief executive, of Meyer

have agreed to merge their missile businesses under Matra BAe Dynamics. The deal is between BAe and Matra Hachette, a subsidiary of the Lagardère Groupe. Under the deal. BAE will pay between £50 million and £110 million, depending on the relative number of orders won by the product lines of the two companies over the next four

launching a £600 million bid for the building materials group that owns the Jewson chain of builders' merchants. headed by Alan Peterson. Wolseley fell 3p to 458p.

There was continued support for selected biotech issues. An upbeat statement helped Cortees, which unveiled positive results for one of its product trials for lung

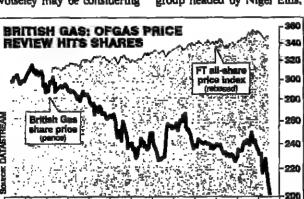
Keep an eye on Pex, the children's sock manufacturer and distributor that plans to invest £1 million in new machinery this month to lift capacity 20 per cent. Analysts expect current year profits of £450,000, putting the shares, unchanged at 5½p, on an attractive p/e multiple of 6.6.

years. BAe said it would back Lagardère's bid to gain control of Thomson CSF, the French electronics group.

Elsewhere in the engineering sector, Panmure Gordon advised a switch from TI Group, down 5p at 54ip, into Slebe, up lp to 863p.

speculation helped Meyer international to gain llp to 448p, with talk that Wolseley may be considering infections, to rise 11p to 380p, while Shire Pharmaceuticals gained 12p to 200p on the aunch of a new vitamin tablet and British Blotech climbed 22p to £29.55 ahead of a cancer treatment update this month.

Orb Estates was marked up 5p to 72p as speculation heightened about a possible reverse takeover from Quintain, the private property group headed by Nigel Ellis,



Sydney: Frankfurt Singapore: Brussels BAA and Hammerson. Paris: Elsewhere, Telspec partly recovered from last week's Zurich: profit warning inspired tum-ble, with the shares bouncing back 43p to 533p. London: Ladbroke eased 2p to 187p after the leisure group con-firmed at its annual meeting FT-5U-A 350 that it is in "early stage" talks with Hilton Corporation of the US on ways of re-uniting the

ting and gaming profits were marginally down. Lucas Industries dipped lp to 233p as the automotive components group encoun-tered some profit-taking as the market awaits the outcome of merger talks with Varity Cor-poration, its US rival. The shares encountered a two-way pull, unsettled by the prospect that the Lucas Pension Scheme, which has restructured £3 billion of assets, will

Hilton brand, Ladbroke's bet-

shareholding in Lucas. Hambros was unchanged at 237p in spite of a buy recommendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker. Martin Hughes at CLL said Hambros is "firing on all cylinders", with the Hambros Countrywide and Hambros Insurance subsidiaries thought to be doing well, while the group's core M&A activities are said to be booming with more than £2 billion of deals so far this year.

reduce its 6.11 per cent

Premiere Group was the latest new issue to make a solid debut, with the shares rising to 1430 before settling at 138p, compared with a placing price of 133p.

GILT-EDGED: The gilt market had a quiet day. There was little impact from the April producer prices data a temporary uptick shortlived as attention switched to today's Bank of England inflation report and other economic figures due later this week, including unemployment, inflation and PSBR data.

The June series of the long ilt future fell five ticks to £106232, as a mere 29,000 contracts were traded. Among conventional stocks, shorts were virtually unchanged. while losses stretched to £4 among longer-dated issues.

NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street regained their strength, with the high technology sector strong, and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 16.06 points higher at 5,534.21.

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been a solid. steady invest-

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growth and at one time the

two might have merged.

Various new suitors have

now been proposed al-

though a takeover would be

expensive. Bank of Scotland

is efficiently run and an

FRENCH politics, rather than commercial dealing, appear to be behind yesterday's announcement of the creation of a missile joint venture by British Aerospace and Matra. Talks between Lagardère, the French group which owns Matra, and BAe over the de-up have been on and off since 1993. Yesterday's message said little new except to confirm that BAe and Lagardère would be equal parmers subject to an adjusting payment depending on the state of their respective order books.

The trouble has been that the French wanted the British Government to bless the marriage with a fat contract from the Ministry of Defence, but the MoD rightly objected to being bounced into such a deal and insisted on putting the contract out to tender. Since then, times have changed and the Chirac administration is in the process of shaking up the French defence industry and privatising Thomson, the defence and electronics group and Lagardere has indicated it would dearly love to have the defence bit.

What is behind all this is the gradual move to create a pan-European defence business that can effectively compete with the huge US defence combines, such as Hughes and Lockheed Martin, BAe has cut huge amounts of cost from its missile operation but it needs to be bigger to win orders. The merger with Matra will enable the company to expand on the combined research and development

Opposing such developments is the amour propre of the French government which is reluctant to see foreign control of vital technology However with insufficient clout. the technology may end up being less vital.

savings. Its shares have risen

on hopes that a strategic

buyer might launch a full

bid, but it is just as likely that

a placing will scatter the

shares among institutions.

This latter would probably

cause a price correction, and

disappointment for share-

Bank of Scotland

STANDARD Life's decision to sell its stake in the Bank of Scotland set tongues wagging in Charlotte Square. Edinburgh's financial community. Was this a sign that Standard Life was cutting loose before a stock market flotation? Alternatively, was Standard caught up in the fashion for building societies and needed cash to finance a bid. Some even wondered whether the insurer disapproved of the bank's expansion in Australia.

Conspiracy theories are always more interesting than simple explanations, and few analysts accepted the explanation that Standard was simply reducing its exposure to one investment

Bank of Scotland has served Standard well: it has

holders who were banking English buyer would find on accepting an offer from a very little overlap in the branch network and few cost generous predator. **NOT STANDARD FARE**

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Stakis

STAKIS is the latest leisure company to catch the fitness bug. Until recently, health and fitness fanatics were serviced by a series of flabby private companies. Recently, however, quoted companies have started muscling in on this growing market.

Stakis already has experience in this market but it has taken the precaution of acquiring a management team to run its new health club venture. The attraction of this market is fashion. Health club users are willing to pay high prices for the newest equipment, and membership confers a social cachet as much as a place to exercise. Members are only too willing to pay to keep up appear-

With consumer spendin on the rise, the Stakis move is well timed. The market is young and offers plenty of room for growth even when discretionary consumer spending begins to decline.

the company's casinos should benefit from deregulation measures and expansion abroad. Stakis shares look pricey, at a rating of 19 times earnings, but with good growth prospects there is no reason to sell your

Stakis is now well posi-

noned in three growing mar-

kets. Its hotel division

continues to impress, while

membership yet. T&N GLIMMERS of light at the end of the asbestos tunnel have appeared and vanished so often for T&N that investors would do best to ignore them. Yesterday's news that

under the "Georgine" settlement may be crumbling away is another potential blow to likin, not so much because of the potential for huge claims but huge legal The main attraction of

the procedures established

Georgine was that it enabled claims to be administered

without recourse to expensive litigation. But that is not in the interests of American personal injury lawyers who. like estate agents, work on commission and therefore tend to encourage their clients go to court in pursuit of a big win. Asbestos-related diseases

such as mesothelioma take

up to 60 years to show, a time lag that leaves T&N with a long tail of liabilities that it cannot avoid. The collapse of Georgine will increase the legal and administrative cost of servicing the claims. For T&N, that increases the need to generate more cash from its business at at time when its customers, the automotive manufacturers, are demanding more investment in research and development. The best solution for T&N would be a partnership with another components group but one of the candidates, Lucas, has its eyes set on a dif-

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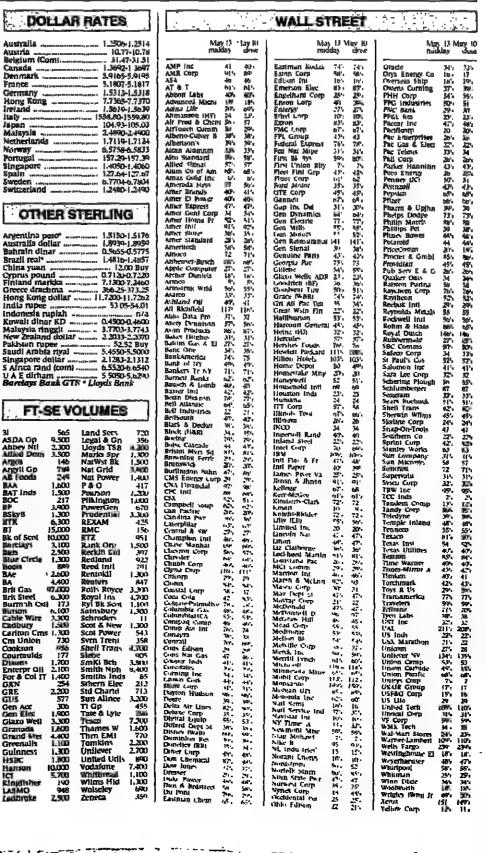
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Christine Buckley says the prospects

look bleak for British Gas's

demerger and funding hopes

ritish Gas and the industry regulator have been squaring up for a bloody fight over pricing restraints on the beleaguered company's pipeline business. But yesterday's confrontation was far more violent than expected.

Clare Sportiswoode weighed in with revenue cuts on Trans-Co that exceeded the toughest estimates in a package that she said would trim household gas bills by £50 a year in the review period. British Gas, mindful of yesterday's crumbling share price and of price cuts so onerous that they outpace last year's profits, warned of business failure, 10,000 job cuts and safety imperilment.

Ms Spottiswoode is arguing for consumer bonanzas on the grounds that TransCo, the only money-spinning ace that British Gas has left, has consistently overvalued itself and overestimated spending. British Gas accused her of mounting one of the biggest smash-andgrab raids in a huge sweep that will destabilise the industry at a critical time of its development. At stake is up to E850 million in revenue from the independent gas shippers that use TransCo's pipeline network. They can look forward to reduced tariffs while the end user -- households and businesses — should benefit from substantially reduced bills.

British Gas is arguing that without a commercial rate of return, it cannot invest adequately in the business. It says that safety and maintenance will be at risk and the company will not be able to meet its legal obligations in those areas. It further complains that competition in the supply of domestic gas - already operating on a pilot scheme in the South West - places additional heavy in-

vestment burdens on TransCo. Conflict between the regulated and regulators is not new.



British Gas says its pipeline business is worth £17 billion; Ofgas cites a much lower figure

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The disparity between British Gas and Ofgas is, however, unprecedented. The Gas Consumers Council - no friend of British Gas -- has welcomed the price reductions and has condemned historic pricing

flaws. But it has also said that the stand-off between the two has serious implications. It has stake as the regulator and the company stand either side of a vast mathematical gulf with the national asset of a gas pipeline at stake.

line business at £17 billion. The regulator puts that figure at

that the company has enjoyed the benefits of an annual underspend of about 30 per cent. She has attacked a cash mountain of £2.5 billion which British Gas has put aside for pipeline renewal that is not needed until 2010.

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Joanna Pitman assesses Burma's economy

British business marches slowly back on the road to Mandalay report of October 1995 con-cluded that in spite of reforms off from the rest of the world in

Burma's ruling military junta is doing its utmost to lure direct forcions capital investment, with a target of \$600 million a year.
This is ludicrously ambitious but since the early 1990s. foreign investment has trick-

led very slowly into Burma

and is now gathering pace. Burmese Government fig-ures (never safely considered accurate but nonetheless accepted as guidelines) show that in 1995 Britain invested more than any other nation in Burma, now officially known as Myanmar. A total of 17 projects worth a cumulative total of \$643.5 million had been approved, a full \$100 million ahead of Singapore. the next biggest investor.

British Government officials hastily point out that the majority of the projects are not strictly British, being foreign investments from France and elsewhere booked for tax reasons through the British Virgin Islands and Bermuda.

But British firms are nonetheless beginning to show their colours in Burma. Premier Oil has invested \$20 million with substantially more committed to follow. Rothmans has a cigarette factory. The recently refurbished Strand Hotel in Rangoon and other key tourist hotels around the country are under British ownership via Hong Kong.

Caution, however, is still strongly advised. Burma has only recently emerged from almost a quarter century of self-imposed isolation and inmospection. Burma's hibernation began in 1962 when the Burmese Way of Socialism was imposed. Nationalisation programmes were implemented, contacts with the outside world were all but totally cut off, an almost paranoid xenophobia took hold and all progress was rejected in the name of cultural integrity.

When the autocratic military-run state law and order restoration council (Slore) assumed power in 1988 and implemented a series of economic reform programmes, it also threw open Burma's shutters. The country had been in severe economic decline. GDP

growth had barely kept up with population expansion and living standards had fallen steadily. Annual inflation averaged 20 per cent and the budget deficit and current account gap was widening. Underlying causes included the overvaluation of the currency, a continued bias against agriculture, restrictions on private sector activity and the inefficiency of staterun industries.

The Slore's "open door" programme of reforms sought to expand the role of the private sector, curbing government intervention and gradually liberalising agricultural pricing and marketing. Private banks have been licensed. investment incentives offered to locals and foreign exchange trading potential offered to private exporters. However, a World Bank

rapid enough to compensate for the economic stagnation of the preceding quarter century, and its sustainability is uncertain. British officials insist, however, that the potential is there for significant future returns from investments and contacts made now. British companies are being encouraged to capitalise on Britain's historic links with the country (Burma was a

aimed at expanding exports, encouraging agriculture and

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about \$190 million a year since At least four multi-storey hotels are under construction in central Rangoon by Thai, Taiwanese and Hong Kong Chinese firms, a rather British colony as part of British India from 1885 until ambitous development given that the new ones that are finished, most of them glossy 1947) and the positive light in marble monstrosities, are far which British manufacturing firms are viewed in Burma. The Burmese were so cut



Burmese days: much of the country is still in the bicycle era

from full, and even now that Myanmar Year". Even Japan, one of Asia's more risk-averse nations, appears to be getting serious about Burma. The semi-governmental Japan External Trade Organisation (Jetro) will open an office in Rangoon next year to provide a focused information source for putative Japanese investors. The large trading companies are already represented. Fuji Bank has opened an office as has the Japan Tourist Board. Japan Airlines and Ali Nippon Airways are planning direct flights to Rangoon from next British companies do not want to be left out of this emerging market but likewise do not want to sink money into

the country until economic stability is more certain. Political stability, which should eventually underpin any future economic growth, is still also clusive. The military junta still keeps a harsh repressive gag on all political opposition and Amnesty International has evidence of thousands of political prisoners still in detention without trial. Judging by the foreign ad-

vertising pyrotechnics, how-ever, that line the road into Rangoon from the airport, the international Coca Cola culture has already arrived.

of Sids hanging in the balance are vocal, public negotiations between the two parties. The company and Ofgas may

have put their strongest cards on the table, but talks continue until June when the regulator will recommend the level of the one-off hit that she will make on revenues and the annual curbs linked to inflation. She has already said she will not be persuaded that those should fall outside the 20-28 per cent oneoff cut in revenues and the running curb of RPI-5 proposed yesterday. British Gas equally maintains the unworkability of the controls.

The rejection of the controls by British Gas will lead to a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, a process which could take several months. The company will look to the MMC to determine that Ofeas has substantially undervalued the assets and expectations of spending. It will contend that the severe restraints on tariffs will scupper all incensuffocate performance

Ms Spottiswoode's expectations of the company are that it can improve performance through greater efficiencies. She is sceptical of the company's claim that 10,000 jobs must go and says that her office has calculated the job implications to be less than the typical turnover of a leading UK company. Figures to go with that are

less forthcoming, however.
The MMC is a wild card. British Gas will not be able to call on many allies. It can expect the independent gas shippers, who will gain from sharp tariff reductions as they gear up for 1998's full competitive market in 285, to continue their calls for even harsher curbs than those proposed by Ofgas. A referral will also coincide with heightened pressure on the privatised industries as Labour gears up its offensive.

Whichever way this stand-off is ultimately resolved, the prospects must be distinctly bleak for British Gas's demerger and funding hopes. One half of its business has liabilities of enormous proportions with British Gas Trading's exposure to the costly take-or-pay contracts. There it has £40 billion tied up in contracts forcing it to buy gas at higher prices than it can sell it for. The other half has a monopoly business capable of generating substantial cash, but facing punitive regulation. It is a nightmare mix for those orchestrating one of British industry's biggest demergers.

A few months ago, it may have seemed to serve British Gas's purposes to divide and control the two major parts of the company, ringfencing the take-or-pay liabilities in British Gas Trading while allowing TransCo to go its own way and decent dividend. Now, with the regulatory threat proving far harsher than the most bearish City forecasts, TransCo looks distinctly open to fire.



Tory right is wrong on tax

wingers whipped themselves into a predictable lather after Kenneth against cutting taxes when public borrowing is exceeding forecasts, John Townend, chairman

of the 92 group, said that the Government was honourbound to cut taxes because it had promised to do so in its 1992 election manifesto. If public finances are in mess, he said, Mr Clarke must go. That sentiment was echoed yesterday by Terry Dicks, a backbencher, who said Mr Clarke should be replaced by John Redwood. That is unworthy silliness.

Apart from anything else, sacking a Chancellor within a year of an election is potentially pretty damaging. Losing Mr Clarke, who has won considerable respect for his handling of the big fiscal and monetary decisions, would be lunacy. What the tax-cut zealots are

urging on Mr Clarke - and what he is resisting — is a period of wilful profligacy that may give the Government an outside chance of winning the election, but, much more importantly, has the huge advantage of making it extremely difficult for an incoming Labour administration.

There is certainly a camp that argues that course, however damaging for the countrv. Just before last November's Budget, a prominent Tory said that the Government was dutybound to be irresponsible in order to create a mess for Gordon Brown, who he fully expected to be in Number 11. But such aggressive nihilism will surely not win the day.

If Mr Clarke no longer has Number 10, he at least wants his place in the history books as a sensible Chancellor. He also understands something that seems to be lost on some of his right-wing critics. The electorate does not trust the Tories on tax. Large tax cuts in November, after the unprecedented tax assault since 1992, would invite derision. Mr Townend's call for tax

cuts because they were promised in the 1992 manifesto is laughable given what happened as soon as the election was won. It is difficult to imagine a pre-election tax bribe big enough to over-come the electorate's weariness with such tactics.

Mr Clarke also argues rightly that lower taxes do not equal electoral victory, particularly if those cuts are bought by cutting spending

police. And lower taxes probably weigh light in the balance compared with peodisapprobation about sleeze, and the insecurity in the world of work that Labour is

campaigning on.
So, ideological warfare within the Conservative Party over tax is making front page headlines but, in the rational world, there is little contentious about the issue.

The City, always wheeled out by Tory MPs as the preferred judge and jury of their policies, is unruffled by current goings-on. Mr Clarke delivers black warnings against cutting taxes. The City concludes that he is doing the usual job of Chancellors at this time of year - a few weeks before the public spending round gets under way - and emphasising how awful the public finances are to instil discipline at the outset on

department heads. Mr Clarke suggests that hopes of tax cuts are unrealistic. The City remembers that he said the same thing last year and still found small cuts in public spending to finance modest tax cuts. It fully expects him to do the same this year.

It is the City's view that, if he manages to pull off this trick, he will have done about the best that his party could realistically expect. There is a hole in tax revenues that was unexpected and still cannot fully be explained. There has, too, been a worse than anticipated slowdown in Europe that has hit growth here.

And it difficult to conceive that the Government can continue even to match the toughness on public spending that it has, admirably, achieved in recent years. Public spending has always election. To hold it steady would be a considerable triumph of prudent economic stewardship.

right may argue: "Hang prudence, let's win the election." But they reckon without another calculation the Chancellor has to make. He wants to avoid a rise in interest rates until after the election. if humanly possible. That would be exceedingly difficult if he were to give in to his col-leagues' demands for big tax cuts that everyone knows are

How would the Conservative right like campaigning on the nation's doorsteps just as mortgage rates are rising?

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Seeing double

HAVING made it to four issues, Sunday Business is facing double jeopardy over an attack on Loot, the free advertising newspaper. The hapless weekly is being sued by Loot for libel after claiming that half of the goods advertised in it were stolen. Loot has also noticed a striking similarity between that piece and one written last year by the same journalist in Business Age ... Sunday Business founder Tom Rubython's previous pub-

SIR DAVID SIMON, hailed KPMG businessman of the year at the Savoy Hotel yesterday, said he kept his speech decidedly short to make room for politician and guest speaker Peter Mandelson. In the words of Alf Danaher, Fifties boxing champion. the BP chairman sniffed: "i'd like to thank my manager, (sniff) my trainer, (sniff) and all those that made this victory possible." He also quoted Elizabeth Taylor's sixth husband: "You've made an

old man very happy." Taxing times

NOT content with introducing self-assessment and endless tax returns, the Inland Revenue's latest wheeze is to send out weighty questionnaires, asking taxpayers to answer endless questions on its level of service. The letter, which begins "Dear Taxpayer", asks respondents to evaluate the following: "The service I get from the Inland Revenue is very impersonal, it's just

like you're a number.'



IT WAS champagne and cake at Charterhouse vesterday, to celebrate ten years since the opening of the London office of its stockbroking arm. Victor Blank, chairman, surprised staff, creeping up with a cake for Mike Orsborn, head of sales at Charterhouse Tilney.

'Morning all'

PETER GEORGE, chief executive of the Ladbroke Group, was almost halfway through his speech at the company's AGM yesterday, when a familiar face barged its way into the room. The interloper, who frequently tries to break his way into champagne and canapes-filled parties, is well-known at the London Hilton, but hasn't made it past the hotel lobby before. After knocking two damsels down, the perpetual gatecrasher of interims and prelims was ejected in fairly short order.

Only the best

THE Confederation of British Industry is regularly giving warning of the effects of raising salaries too severely. Its personnel department has clearly taken this to heart. In its search for a senior policy officer, the employers' organisation promotes the post as an opportunity to work closely with government departments, City institutions and its own National Manufacturing Council. An articulate economics graduate with excellent analytical skills is preferred - and all for a princely £23,000 per

MORAG PRESTON

Short cuts

Virtuoso display from the maestro

discovers a

craftsman who

switched from

boats to bows

But in 1983 he decided to launch

his own business and eventually

settled in Christmas Steps, an

historic area of Bristol that has a

tradition of accommodating music

bowmaking have not changed for

200 years. An extremely dense

Brazilian hardwood called per-

nambuco is used for the sticks. It is

incredibly stiff and strong and

about £12,000 a ton, of which up to

75 per cent is rejected as unsuitable,

and other precious materials are

added for embellishment and func-

tion, you can see why hand-made

silver bows can cost around £900

Bows are made to a combination of weight, stiffness and balance and

are ordered to within half a gram.

They take about 40 working hours

to make, spread over several weeks. The finished weight of the

bow includes the frog, the adjuster, the horse hair and a spiral

handgrip. Mr Stagg explains: "The impor-

tance of the bow to a string player

cannot be underestimated. A poor

bow will detract from the perfor-

and gold bows up to £1,500.

When you realise that it costs

basic materials for

JOHN STAGG is a member of the fast-diminishing breed of craftsmen who make handcrafted bows for the violin, viola and cello.

In a sophisticated sort of way, his skills make a subtle but positive contribution to the quality of the stringed orchestral music whenever his bows are used. Based in Bristol, he supplies top musicians throughout

The International Society of Master Violin and Bowmakers is an exclusive organisation which has only 120 members worldwide. When you consider that there are only six members in the United Kingdom, of which Mr Stagg is one of only two bowmakers, you can begin to appreciate the highly specialised nature of the bowmaking business and his prestigious place in the world order.

Mr Stagg is a multidisciplined graduate engineer who once built racing boats of the kind used in the Oxford and Cambridge an-

However, in 1977 he suddenly changed course and became a lowly paid apprentice with the late W E Hill & Sons, a firm of instrument and bowmakers in Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire. (The firm's ancestry appears in Samuel Pepys's Diary for

His tutor thought that the lines of a boat had much in common with those of a bow. After six years with Hills, Mr Stagg, as senior bowmaker, was making all the company's gold-mounted bows and teaching apprentices.

My work is a labour of love —

unfortunately it's unrequited

A search for 200 companies in the City, Hackney and Islington capable of doubling profits over 18 months has been launched by Business Link London City Part-ners. Companies joining the programme will have fees refunded if profit increases are not achieved with Business Link help. Details from BLLCP, 78 Great Eastern Street, London, EC2A 3JL.

> As part of the European Year of Lifelong Learning, North London University's Economic Development Unit is hosting a European

mance of even virtuoso players and **David Askham**

"When commissioning a handcrafted bow, the player has the opportunity to specify virtually every physical dimension, shape, style and characteristic. Purthermore, with careful ownership, their bows will continue to give pleasure and performance over several life-

In spite of the recession, Mr Stagg has managed to build up his business and professional reputation, with referrals arriving from teachers and professional musi-cians, many of whom he has never met. Most of his bows are sold directly to working professional musicians, music teachers and their students.

All of his work is commissioned and he is constantly forging new trading links overseas, the most recent of which have been with Japan and Canada, In fact, he has been headhunted by a Canadian firm that is reluctant to take "no" for an answer. He regularly exports his bows to Europe, both to retailers and individual musicians, and has made inroads into South

Mr Stagg is a good example of a special craftsman and businessman who has found a valuable and rewarding niche market.

Concerned that English bowmaking may eventually die out, he is pinning hopes on one of his three sons carrying on the John Stagg tradition. But he has many more creative years ahead of him in

John Stagg (0117 925 4538; tele-



John Stagg says the importance of the bow to a string instrument player cannot be underestimated

BRIEFINGS

conference for smaller enterprises on June 20 and 21. Speakers will discuss learning strategies for competitive advantage, such as innovative management and continuing vocational training. Register by Friday. Contacts: Jay Mitra/Monica Lapetra, 0171-753

A telephone banking service for small businesses is introduced this week by Barclays Bank. The service will be offered initially to the bank's 200,000 sole trader customers. The £4 monthly fee for Barclays Businesscall will be waived for the first three months. Details: freephone 0800 900921.

Places are still available at Profit from Performance, a conference organised by Solotec at Fairfield Halls, Croydon, on May 22. The cost is E225 plus VAT. Details from Claire Martland, 01730 266544.

Surrey Training and Enterprise Council will be making its fifth annual business awards this year. A cash prize of £1,000 will be awarded to the winner in each of nine categories. Entry forms will be available at the Surrey Busines Showcase exhibition on June 5-6 at Sandown Racecourse, Esher.

Food producers in the Thames Valley supplying smoked foods, organic and free-range meat, fruit and vegetables, sauces, preserves. confectionery, cakes, biscuits and other delicacies have formed the Thames Valley Speciality Food Group with the support of Thames Valley Enterprise. Details: Simon Davis, 07000 552000.

The Development Board for Rural Wales is spending £500,000 on factory construction in Cardigan as part of its campaign to boost job creation on the West Wales coast.

Plea for less regulation to benefit small firms

BY RODNEY HOBSON

SMALL businesses want simple sensible regulations that are applied fairly and consistently, Tim Melville-Ross, Director-General of the Institute of Directors, will tell the Government at a top exhibition for small firms this month.

He will add: "There is clearly a strong case for small firms to be exempt from certain kinds of regulation. The private sector in the United States has created 30 million net new jobs over the past 20 years because of the relative freedom of small firms from regulation, compared with a net gain of zero in the EU."

Mr Melville-Ross will introduce the keynote session, on the growing importance of small and medium enterprises to the economy, at the Business Solutions exhibition in the National Hall, Olympia, on May 21-: 23. Exhibitors include IBM,

Compaq. Microsoft, Panasonic, TSB Factors, Lloyds International Factors and National Westminster and Co-operative banks. Seminars and workshops will offer advice on topics including IT investment, communications, access to the Internet, funding growth, managing people and opportunities for export.

The latest survey by the Institute of Directors shows that 47 per cent of British small businesses have increased employment over the past few months and 63 per cent expect output to rise in the next quarter.

Mr Melville-Ross will tell the conference: "Where regulation is necessary, a single reference point from which small business can find out exactly the overall regulatory requirements affecting their indus-try would be invaluable. The Prime Minister announced that just such a step is to be taken experimentally with planning and building regulations. If this is a success, the IoD will press for rapid progress to be made in other regulatory areas."

He will call for a programme to train inspectors to advise rather than simply regulate.

The IoD has welcomed the first steps being taken by the Government to rationalise PAYE, National Insurance and VAT through joint registration. Mr Melville-Ross will argue: "More needs to be done here. For instance, many would argue that changes ought to be made to shift calculation of the uniform business rate away from property values towards ability to pay."

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Prices agreement seals water deal

LYONNAISE EUROPE was formally allowed yesterday to complete its £823 million purchase of Northumbrian Water. The move came after the Government accepted promises that the French group would reduce Northumbrian's prices by 15 per cent over the next six years and list the merged business on the London Stock Exchange,

subject to market conditions, by 2005.

The approval came after the Government determined that the merger could work against the public interest unless there was agreement on substantial water price reductions. Lyonnaise Europe's undertakings with the Government are binding and enforceable through the

Opec's output dips

OIL production by members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) fell a modest 35,000 barrels per day (hpd) in April to 25.78 million bod but was still above the group's agreed supply ceiling of 24.52 million bpd. the Middle East Economic Survey reported yesterday. Venezuela and Nigeria are believed to have exceeded their quotas in April, although oil ministers from both countries

Richards resignation

NICHOLAS MORGAN has resigned as finance director of Richards Group, the engineering company that yesterday warned shareholders of "a substantial loss" in 1995's results due to accounting errors. The City had been expecting profits of about £400,000 before tax. The company said the errors primarily relate to costings in the contracting and access flooring businesses. Reported margins were much higher than those actually earned. The shares fell 8p to 25p.

EU to study VW aid

THE European Union is investigating a German aid package for Volkswagen, Germany's biggest carmaker, to see whether it conforms to EU fair trade rules. An official said the European Commission is questioning the DM300 million VW received as part of a larger aid deal as long as VW invested DM4.5 billion in the former East Germany. Der Spiegel reported that VW's eastern investment has fallen short, with much of the money ending in western Germany.

MAID losses increase

MAID, the electronic database company that specialises in business information, yesterday incurred a pre-tax loss of E1.43 million in the quarter to March 31 (£211.000 loss), on turnover of £4.48 million, up 59 per cent. The loss was expected and reflected spending on international expansion. Foreign operations now account for 54 per cent of total revenues, up from 42 per cent, MAID recently signed an agreement with Forte to provide an Internet service to hotel guests.

House gloom hits CSR

THE troubled housing market in Australia translated into an 18 per cent (all in profits at CSR, the building materials, sugar and aluminium group, which warned shareholders that the outlook remained uncertain. In the year to March 31, profits before abnormal items fell to A\$320.1 million (£106 million from A\$390.5 million in line with expectations. Sales rose 4 per cent to a record A\$6.14 billion. CSR said new housing starts fell almost 30 per cent, one of the sharpest falls to date.

Plan by Bell Cablemedia for closer Mercury link

BELL CABLEMEDIA the third largest cable operator, intends to forge closer ties with Mercury Communications as part of a joint effort to compete with BT in the residential as

well as business market. In a separate development, Bell also intends to list on the London Stock Exchange. The shares currently trade on the Nasdaq market and a London flotation is possible this year depending on market condi-tions. Dan Somers, chief exec-

Mr Somers said that Bell and Mercury would jointly develop and distribute certain products for the consumer market, but would not provide

Beazer acquires Church

BEAZER HOMES has acquired Charles Church, the upmarket house-builder, for £35.7 million (Martin Barrow writes).

Church has been owned by Royal Bank of Scotland since March after it bought out other banks that participated in the company's rescue in 1991. Church will be established as a separate divi-

sion within Beazer, concentrating on the exclusive homes market. In the year average price of £180,000. In its last financial year.

to August 31, 1995, Church sold 193 homes at an Church earned profits of £4.1 million before interest

and tax on sales of £34.7

million. Beazer is buying

the business free of debt.

details. He added: "We're working together with Mercury more than we have ever done before."

Beli's collaboration with Mercury appears to be part of a long-range plan to link Mercury with the cable companies in an effort to give it access to the residential market. Warburg Pincus, one of the potential bidders for Mercury in the now aborted Cable and Wireless-BT merger talks. had plans to fold Bell and Nynex CableComms, the second largest cable company.

into Mercury. Bell is the logical partner for Mercury because Bell Canada International, the cable company's controlling shareholder, owns 20 per cent of Mercury. C&W, in turn, owns 13 per cent of Bell and 80 per

cent of Mercury. Bell also owns 26 per cent of Videotron, the sixth largest cable company. Videotron is for sale and Bell is a leading contender to take full control. If Beil does so, it could provide Mercury with an even stronger residential access base. It seems unlikely that the equity links between C&W, Mer-

cury and Bell will be broadened. The announcement of the collaboration with Mercury came as Bell incurred a net loss of £19.5 million in the quarter to March 31, against a profit of £1.2 million, which includes an extraordinary gain of £9.1 million, previousy. Revenue almost doubled to £15.8 million. Greater spending to expand the network and higher depreciations charges

were behind the deeper loss. Mr Somers said that in spite of the loss he expected Bell to end the year with positive operating cashflow because of the sharply higher number of cable-TV and cable-telephony



Fenner boosted by expansion

By MARTIN BARROW

FENNER. the engineering company based in north Humberside, increased pre-tax profits 50 per cent to £8.2 million in the half year to

February 29. Profits were lifted by acquisitions, organic growth and operating efficiencies. Last

year, the company raised £26.4 million through a rights issue to fund expansion. New to 1.7p a share from an shares were issued at 1200 each. Yesterday the shares

rose 9p to 170p. Colin Cooke, chairman, said turnover improved 20 per cent to £126.3 million, with

operating profits rising to £8.48 million (£6.1 million). The interim dividend rises

adjusted 1.43p, payable from earnings of 5.61p (4.27p). Fenner's advanced engineered products division lifted profits to £3.66 million (£2.5 million), while conveyor belting ie 11.2 million (1904.000 The fluid power division cased to £1.7 million (£2.18 million) but power transmission rose to £3.15 million (El.7 million).

a reduction in the num ber of departments in his ministry and the impending fusion of the Secretariats of Standards and Technology.

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Spain aims

for quick

sale of

state firms

JOSEP PIQUÉ. Spain's new Minister for Industries in-

tends to privatise "every single" public enterprise under

his jurisdiction by the year 2000, when the four-year term

of the present Spanish Gov-

Señor Piqué, 41, a Catalan

independent in the recently

formed conservative govern-

ment of José Maria Aznar, intends to establish a privatisations office within

his ministry, to be staffed by

professionals from the private

sector and non-governmental

In a recent interview with

El País, the Madrid daily,

Senor Pique said that these

reforms were part of a concerted bid by the new Popular

Party administration to re-

Although he did not give a

detailed enterprise-by-enter-prise account of his privatisa-tion plan, he singled out as

candidates for imminent sale both Endesa, the Spanish

state electricity corporation,

and Repsol, the state corpora-

Señor Piqué said some

shares in Endesa - he would not reveal how many — would

soon be put on the market. He

was clearer, however, on the

future of Repsol. "My inten-

tion is to privatise it totally." he said, suggesting that he

would proceed without delay

on its sale. Gas Natural and

Enagas the state natural gas

enterprises, would be put up

for sale too, although this was

not "an immediate priority".

celona businessman and president of the city's Circulo de

Economia, declared also that he would like to disband

Téneo the state holding com-

pany under whose umbrella

exist a number of public

disappear," he said, "as it

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it". These companies include

Iberia, the troubled state-run

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Gary Slapper asks why inquest law results in so few 'lack of care' verdicts

Neglect and the causes of death

proar broke out in a Birmingham courtearly last dict of "death by natural causes" was announced after the inquest into the death of 23month-old Robert Benton. Relatives yelled "Farce!" at the jury who had apparently followed the coroner's advice in returning their verdict.

Robert had died after being shuttled between four hospitals in one day. One hospital was too busy to treat him. One did not have the facilities, and

In a list of inquest verdicts approved by the Home Office is one which classifies the death as having been "aggravated by lack of care". All but those closely associated with coronial law might expect such a verdict to be clearly apposite in cases such as Robert Benton's, but this area of law is fraught with difficulty. There are legal - if Wonderlandish - reasons why labelling a death as resulting from lack of care is regularly avoided in coroners' courts.

This oddity is becoming especially contentious at a time when an increasing number of annual deaths occur after patients have been lugged around the country in ambulances and helicopters as medical and hospital staff struggle with diminishing re-

Last week the inquest into the death of a 15-year-old boy from the Midlands, James Hoccom, returned an open verdict. The boy died from a meningitis-related illness. having allegedly been refused lifesaving treatment at a cashstrapped hospital (its paediatric ward had been closed) and transferred after an agonising delay to another hospital.

Add to this the fact that last year more people (74 per cent) died in hospital or care institutions than in any other setting. and the scale of the potential problem becomes clearer.

Home Office figures released on April 19 show that of the 560,000 deaths in England and Wales last year, 186,598 were reported to coroners, meaning, in effect, that the cause of death appeared to be unnatural or violent. Of these. most were resolved by coroners after post-mortem examinations, but there were 22,700

verdicts of death through accident or misadventure, there are only 35 cases where "lack of care" or "self-neglect" was recorded as a cause of death. These two separate social categories are not distinguished in the figures.

How does inquest law result in so few "lack of care" verdicts when those familiar with death scenarios in prison and the health service estimate the true figure of deaths from want of care as ten times the legally recorded one?

The cardinal legal awkwardness of an inquest is that the coroner is under apparentthe inquest as a "fact-finding investigation and not a method of apportioning guilt". There are no parties, there is no indictment, there is no prosecution, there is no defence, there is no trial.

In one case, in 1982, the then Lord Chief Justice said that despite the difficulties that arise when feelings are running high and the spectators are emotionally involved, it should not be forgotten that the inquest is just "an inquisitorial process ... the function of an inquest is to seek out and record as many of the facts concerning the death as [the] public interest requires".

On the other hand, there are legitimate verdicts, such as unlawful killing or lack of care, which imply wrongdoing on the part of some parties, although the verdict is not allowed to point the finger at any person or persons. Coroners are frequently involved in disputes with advocates when the atter wish to pursue lines of questioning with witnesses in order to explore the possibility of negligence, and the former want to curtail it as being proper in a civil court but

inappropriate at an inquest. As concern grows about deaths in police custody, in prison and in the National Health Service, and as more bereaved relatives and their lawyers seek to establish a "lack of care" verdict at inquests, the heavily wooded law on this point has been tidied by tree-fellers and, lately, trimmed with the precision bonsai artistry.

The law now states that "lack of care" may properly be should not be used to indicate



Robert Benton died "by natural causes" after being shuttled between four hospitals



James Hoccom died after

part of an inquest verdict where the immediate cause of death was the omission of care from another person on whom the deceased was dependent. It is, in coronial law, a different thing altogether from the common law principle of negligence. Problems arise because counsel are often keen to pursue "lack of care" as what Sir Thomas Bingham has described as a "stepping stone" towards a civil claim.

Thus Lord Justice Croom-Johnson stated in 1987 that "the history of the verdict 'lack of care indicates that it is appropriate only to the physical condition of the deceased as causing the death and a breach of duty by some other vice which led to a child being carted around the country for eight hours while his condition

gradually worsened.

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category.

Recently an inquest jury considering a prison death

returned a verdict of "suicide

contributed to by neglect",

although this was an excep-

Sir Thomas Bingham has

advocated that the expression

"lack of care" should be "de

leted from the lexicon of in-

quests and replaced by "neglect". The new word would, though, still be so narrowly defined that many

unnecessary deaths resulting from neglect — as recognised by social observers — would

continue to be kept out of such a Home Office verdict

Dr Slapper is Principal Lecturer

Similarly, as Master of the Rolls. Sir Thomas Bingham ruled that: "Neglect in this context means a gross failure to provide adequate nourishment or liquid, or provide or procure basic medical attention or shelter or warmth for someone in a dependent position (because of youth, age. illness or incarceration) who cannot provide it for himself." All sorts of deaths which

would, in common speech, be attributable to lack of care have been classified simply as accidental, or deaths through natural causes. The lack of care verdict cannot be used to embrace any criticism of a prison or hospital regime in general, or the way in which the deceased had been generaliv looked after. If a cause of death originates

in a person - in the Benton case, Robert had an acute bronchial infection - then it seems no matter how atrocious the response to the crisis. the appropriate verdict will be "natural causes". Alarmingly, the growing number of ambulances arriving late, as well as absences of lifesaving equipment, will not bring the case within the "lack of care" scope.

in the Benton case, the coroner said: "We should not be pillorying surgeons for the actions they have taken in good faith as a result of their training and experience." That is undoubtedly so, but it is not a reason why "lack of care" should not describe the systernic fault in the health ser-

criminal justice system which

permits £200 million in unpaid fines to be written off

each year. The courts were

hampered, he said, in fine

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Confessions of a troublemaker

The Bar lost its exclusive rights of audience in the High Court a decade ago. This was hardly a giant step for mankind, or even a dream come true, but it was one small step in the right direction; the College of Judges had decided that solicitors should be allowed to represent a client in "formal or unopposed hearings".

No one disputes that the legal profession needs specialists to do specialist work, but back in the mid-1980s, it seemed wrong that, as a solicitor and someone who had drafted seven lines of script for a statement at the end of a libel action, I could not read those words in the High Court and that my client had to pay an extra £150 to have a barrister do it.

The story starts with my agreeing to act as London agent for Sir Cyril Smith, then Liberal MP for Rochdale. He had been sued by 25 Labour MPs because on Radio Trent he had suggested their conduct was treasonable when they had voted against the Government on the early day motion to send out the task force to recapture the Falkland

Islands in 1982. It was eventually agreed that Sir Cyril would make it quite clear that he had never meant to accuse the MPs of actual treason.

The crunch came when I had to tell him it would cost a further £150 to get the statement read in open court by a barrister because, as a solicitor, I was not allowed to appear in the High Court, I asked him whether he would like me to try to obtain a right of audience to read the statement rather than spend £150 on a barrister. He readily agreed.

When I appeared before Mr Justice Leonard to seek leave to read my seven lines of script, he clearly thought I was deranged or a troublemaker, perhaps both. With patience and politeness he explained that the Bar had exclusive rights of audience in the High Court and that if I wanted to challenge this, I would have to brief a barrister to argue my and my client's case before him in open court. I promptly told him this would be done. With a degree of disbelief, he then said he would need an amicus curiae (another barrister) to assist the court in its deliberations. Without hesitation I said this would be done. Not surprisingly, the application was

thrown out at the first instance. But in the Court of Appeal, Lord Donaldson, while turning down the application, promised that the whole matter would be referred to the College of Judges because there was some merit in what was being sought. Six months later the judges came forward with their minor relaxation of the rules. With help from the Law Society and the

press, what became known as "Bar wars" had started. The Chairman of the Bar ingeniously but unsuccessfully tried to defuse the situation by shunting the issue to the Marre Com-mittee. But this group, with the barristers dissenting, concluded that solicitors' rights of audience should be extended. Then, with the white-hot heat of Thatcherism at its strongest, the Lord Chancellor produced his Green

Paper on the legal profession.

The dam finally burst with the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990. Since then the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Education and Conduct has done its level best to deter solicitors from gaining full rights of audience. First, a solicitor must obtain a certificate of eligibility — demonstrate that he or she has completed 20 to 25 appearances (not ten-minute directions but half-day hearings) before being eligible to sit an "evidence and procedure" exam. Only when this has been passed can the solicitor participate in an advocacy training course. This three stage process costs more than £2,300. For young solicitors in the City, who do not normally appear in magistrates' or county courts, getting a certificate of eligibility

can pose a real problem. Coupled with the advisory committee's steadfast resistance to Crown Prosecution Service solicitors being given rights of audience in Crown courts and employed solicitors being able to exercise rights in their specialised fields, it is not surprising that there are now only 388 solicitor advocates; 89 being able to appear in all courts, 216 with rights in the higher criminal courts and only 83 with rights to appear in civil cases in the High Court. The fear, a decade ago, that

relaxation of the Bar's exclusive rights of audience in the High Court would lead to fusion of the profession has faded. Indeed, the Bar has gone from strength to strength. Over the past ten years, the number of barristers has increased from 5,500 to 8,500.

This proves that the legal system will always need horses for courses and that barristers should be grateful to solicitors for keeping clients off their backs while they prepare cases and that they must learn to be more flexible and less stuffy in their arrangements with solicitors and the public. That achieved, the Bar need fear nothing from solicitors. It is simply not cost-effective

for anyone not doing advocacy the whole time to spend hundreds of hours reading and researching cases and the latest developments in a specialist area of law. If there are other benefits - such as, I would hope, a more streamlined, cost-conscious and

flexible legal system with barristers going to see clients rather than the other way round it will all have been worthwhile. • The author is company solicitor to Times

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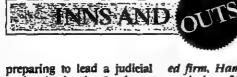


Succession book opens

BETS ARE on as to who will be the new Lord Chief Justice after the sad news that Lord Taylor of Gosforth is retiring because of cancer. The appointee may well be crucial when it comes to the Law Society's bid for advocacy rights for "employed" lawyers (in commerce, industry and government), including the Crown Prosecution Service.

Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, was almost alone among senior judges in backing advocacy rights for solicitors when the Government first proposed them in 1989. As for Lord Justice Rose, the other hot tip, his father was a local government lawyer: he was the fown clerk at Morecambe. So he might well be sympathetic. Lord Justice Rose has one

other link with the Law Society: when at Wadham College, he lectured to - among others - Martin Mears. Lord Taylor, meanwhile, is



onslaught in the Lords on May 23 on Michael Howard's sentencing plans. He is no longer carrying out judicial functions and colleagues say he is likely to occupy himself with his chief love, music.

Hamlin Slowe, the West End law firm, has announced it is setting up a new associat-



Howard: under attack

ed firm, Hamlins, to advise on the law of Scotland. Hamlins will operate from London and advise chiefly on Scottish property and com-mercial transactions.

Less equal? THE Law Society's Equal Opportunities Award, spon-

sored by The Times, goes this year to the legal department of Kirklees Metropolican Council. A slight hiccup arose when Martin Mears, the society's president, said he would not endorse it because he did not think any of the small number of entries merited it. The award will be presented by Roger Jones, chairman of the society's equal opportuni-

A fine mess TONY HEATH, president of the Justices' Clerks' Society.

has launched a bitter attack

on the "shambles" in the

formation with the police so police could stop someone wanted for fine default in respect of previous offences, but allow them to go on their way. Eversheds, the national law firm, has taken a full page in the legal press to nce its 24 new partners — all men. A spokeswoman said the picture was distorted because the ten partners that

joined recently as a result of the merger with Waltons & Morse were all men. Among the associate solicitors, however. there were a much higher number of women who were potential partners.

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Television's Rumpole toys with a witness, the kind of image that frightens potential witnesses such as the one pictured above being trained by Mark Solon

Birth of the superwitness

key witness in a UK multimillion-pound law suit knew exactly what to expect in the courtroom and was terrified. He'd seen enough American TV legal dramas to know that the cross-examining lawyer would stalk around the court, lean over the witness box to harangue him and probably jab a finger in his face for good measure. (All the while, the judge would bang his gavel impotently, trying to call the court to order.)

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Isn't that right? Well, not exactly, Mark Solon was able to reassure him. For a start, said the solicitor, lawyers in this country are not allowed to walk around the court room. Bond Solon, Mr Solon's company, runs training courses for would-be witnesses. Clients, he says, are usually relieved to learn that an appearance in court need not be as daunting as TV dramatists would have you believe.

Witness training is well established in the United States. The biggest American law firms even have mock courtrooms in their offices, into which they put mock juries and stage mock trials to test witnesses and the persuasiveness of particular lines of attack or defence before a case.

But in this country, such training is in its infancy. Yet some of the Giving evidence in court can be terrifying. So why shouldn't witnesses be prepared by experts? Fiona Bawdon reports

biggest law firms — Herbert Smith, Clifford Chance. Ashurst Morris Crisp, Nabarros, among others are already among Bond Solon's clients and other firms may well soon follow suit. Mr Solon, who is qualified as a solicitor in this country and in America, has for

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some time been training expert witnesses. But now he is offering training for lay witnesses - witnesses of fact, as they are called.

It is usually done one-to-one over three hours. Needless to say, it does not come cheap. Costing almost £700, it is likely to be restricted to high-value" cases — as a general rule Mr Solon reckons a that a threshold of about £100,000 is realistic. During training, witness-

es are given advice about what to do ("If you don't understand, say witnesses when they appear confido ("If you don't understand, say so"..."Don't try to persuade the lawyer") and what to wear.

The courtroom is not the place to make fashion statements, says Mr Solon ("parrot earrings are out") but you should still ring the changes: at one three-week trial, the usher ran a sweepstake on whether the defendant would ever hange his T-shirt.

General advice is followed by a mock cross-examination, a trip to watch a trial in action, and a visit to the courtroom where the witness's case will be heard. Mr Solon emphasises that he has no knowledge of the actual case and "cross-examination" is based on fictional circumstances. Witness training is not about coaching on evidence but about building confidence, he says.

If it achieves this, it may be money well spent. According to Dr Chris Fife-Schaw of the department of psychology at Surrey University, research suggests that a confident witness is generally seen to be telling the truth. "Even though there may be no real relationship between confidence and accuracy."

the barrister's up to, it neutralises

Michael Napier, the president of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers, agrees that witnesses need to be forewarned about what to expect, but considers that this should be done by the lawyers. "It is part of a doing a proper job in preparing a case," he says. "I would not want to employ outsiders to But equally, I can't see anything intrinsically objectionable in that."

Mr Solon insists that the pre-trial advice given by most firms to witnesses is of the "speak-up-anddon't-say-too-much variety, and is, he says, "basically useless".

Ian Timlin, partner at Maxwell Batley, was initially sceptical, but is now a convert after rave reviews from clients. Using an outside body means, he believes, that there is one thing fewer for the lawyers to worry about before a big case. His Chancery Lane firm has now used the training for eight witnesses in two big cases (both of which subsequently settled).

Even those who you would expect to be on familiar ground in the witness box can. Mr Solon says, benefit from a little help. "I remember one police officer we trained saying: 'I realise now, it's so simple.
I just tell the truth'."

Reform in the public interest

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John Laws argues for some extension of the courts' powers of judicial review

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ost civil litigation involves only the rights and wrongs of a particular dispute between particular parties. But some cases - mostly in the field of judicial review - raise important questions which affect the public generally, or a significant section of it. Authorisations for the disposal of nuclear waste; government funding of the Pergau dam in Malaysia; the ratification of the Maastricht treaty - in these cases the public interest is concerned with the decision itself. rather than with ensuring that the law is a just, speedy and economical means of resolving disputes.

Justice, the all-party law reform group, and the Public Law Project set up a working party to examine interest cases. It looked at two issues: first, how far a challenge

may be brought against a public deci-sion on purely public interest grounds, where the applicant has no private axe to grind; and second, how far the court should be prepared to receive views or evidence from a third party outside the litigation, with or without an axe to grind, contribution

might help the court.

Such challenges and interventions present a significant departure from common-law convention that the judge only decides concrete disputes between those with a substantial interest. But with the huge growth of judicial review since the 1970s, the scope both for pure public interest challenges and for third-party interventions has visibly increased.

On the first issue, courts are increasingly willing to hear cases where the applicant does not have an interest but argues that the point should be litigated in the public interest. The Law Commission has recommended that such challenges be explicitly recognised as a distinct category of case; we endorse building on this.

In the second area we travelled newer ground. Historically there has been only limited scope for third parties to intervene in the Justice and the PLP 0171-329 5100).

public interest. This is in contrast with other jurisdictions such as America where third parties are used far more. Individuals or organisations can obtain leave to put in a dossier about the merits of a particular public interest issue, such as the legality of abortion. The US Supreme Court, of course, has law-making functions in its role as the guardian of the Constitution, a role not paralleled by the powers and duties of our courts. But the working party concluded that important advantages would be gained if third parties with particu-lar knowledge or expertise were allowed "a say" in public interest

cases more widely than at present. Our report, published today, suggests draft rules by which our re-commendations could be implemented. We stress the importance of ensuring that any intervention

should be court-driven, subject to the court's control and strict procedural rules: no one would have a right to intervene on public interest grounds.

The overall message is that there are some difficult public interest cases in which the court needs more help than it now gets. There are big constitutional ques-

tions about the extent to which judges should become involved in public policy. Generally they take a hands-off approach because Parliament must be where such matters are decided. But the courts play an important role, partly because of the growing impact of fundamental rights, partly because all kinds of decisions by public bodies are now subject to the rule of law. A willingness to accept more input from responsible outsiders to the litigation will enhance the court's duty to ensure public decisions are taken lawfully.

These proposals are modest and we stress the need for safeguards. The reform would, however, bring an important beneficial dimension to the workings of civil justice.

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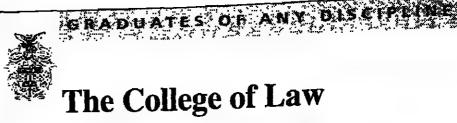
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Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Millett and Mr Justice

British Telecommunications plc, provider of continuous telecommunication services, was not liable to account for value-added tax at the date of receipt of inadvertent overpayments received from its customers that were not returned but credited to their accounts on their next invoice. Such payments could not be treated as consideration received on account of subject to output tax for the period for which the subsequent invoice

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise from Mr Justice Dyson (The Times January 30, 1995; [1995] STC of a VAT tribunal to allow BT's appeal against an assessment to VAT dated January 1992 in the sum of £2.6 million.

Mr Kenneth Parker, QC, for the commissioners; Mr David Milne, QC and Mr A. J. Shipwright for

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said

of general importance both in the on the liability to output tax of a taxable trader who made continuous supplies of goods or services and who invoiced and received navment from customers at periodic intervals in the course of a continuing contractual relationship with the customer. Under the UK legislation the

supplier had to account for output tax at the date when payment for the supply was received or at the date when he issued an invoice relating to the supply, whichever was the earlier. The question was concerned with the supplier's liability to output tax where the liability, mistakenly made an overpayment and the supplier instead of repaying the amount of the erpayment immediately, retained it and credited the customer

The commissioners contended that the overpayment had to be treated as a payment on account of future supplies with the result that the VAT was payable at the date of receipt of the overpayment.

BT issued invoices to its customers quarterly, accounting for output tax quarterly on the basis of the invoices issued in the relevant arter. From time to time customers inadvertently made overmistake being double payment Any such payment gave rise to an immediate liability on BT's part to make repayment to the customer. It did not do so. Having 20 million customers, the administrative inconvenience of making repayments would probably be out of all proportion to the individual sums involved.Unless a repayment was requested, BT credited a cus-tomer's running account with the amount received and took the

quarter's invoice. Although the individual amounts were small, the total sums were substantial. In a two-month period BT received no less than E17 million in overpayments

amount of the overpayment into account when calculating the next

VAT was a European lax governed by the Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC (OJ 1977 L145/1). It was a tax on "the supply of goods or services effected for consideration ... by a taxable person acting as such article 2. The taxable amount was "everything which constitutes the con eration which has been or is to be obtained by the supplier from the

. customer" (article lA(l)). The European Court of Justice

The inadvertent overpayment of a current debt was not a payment on account of a future liability. It was not paid on account of or in respect of future supplies. The customer intended it in payment for past supplies and

since it was not due when made, it was made for no consideration. Under English law the recipient was under an obligation to repa the amount of the overpayment immediately it was received.

say the time at which output tax

was chargeable, was by reference

to the time when the goods were

delivered or the services per-

formed: see article 10(2) of the

directive and section 4 of the Value

However the tax point was

brought forward when a payment

was to be "made on account before

the goods are delivered or the

services are performed", when the

tax was chargeable on receipt of the payment and on the amount

received: article 10(2) and section

Regulation 23(1) of the Value

Added Tax (General) Regulations

regime for continuous supplies of

Accordingly, the question for decision was whether, where there

was a continuous supply of services, the amount of an inadvertent

overpayment by a customer of the amount for which he had been invoiced and which was retained

by the supplier and credited to the customer on his next invoice, fell to

be treated as paid "on account of" or received "in respect of" future

Nothing in the Sixth Directive or in the 1983 Act required an

Microstive answer to the question

Added Tax Act 1983.

5(1) of the 1983 Act.

commissioners, claim. If the withstanding the continuation of the supply then it could not be a payment made on account of or in

simply payments made by mis-take. Nor was the payment re-ceived in respect of future supplies. it was not an appropriation by

ity. Under English law a creditor to which it was appropriated was presently due and payable. There was no debt due in respect of future supplies until the relevant invoice

concurring judgment and Mr Jus-tice Tucker agreed.

"2 Any agreements or decisions

National Westminster Bank

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Schiemann (Judement May 3)

An action by a bank against a customer for the recovery of an overdraft secured by a mortgage or charge was not a mortgage action and accordingly the provisions of Order 88 of the Rules of the Supreme Court did not apply.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal brought by the defen-dant, John Stephen Kitch, against the dismissal by Mr Justice Curtis on October 10, 1004 of the defendant's appeal from the decision of a district judge that the plaintiff, National Westminster Bank plc. was correct in issuing proceedings for the recovery of a debt secured by a mortgage in the Queen's Bench Division and entitled to obtain judgment in default of defence, without first seeking the leave of the court.

Mr Robert Deacon, who did not appear below, for the defendant; Mr Michael Lerego, QC and Mr Paul Gott for the bank.

LORD JUSTICE SCHIE-

Society of Lloyd's v

The Lloyd's Central Fund Bylaw

neither affected trade between

member states nor was it in any

event anti-competitive and it did

not intringe the competition pro-

visions of article 85 of the EC

Mr Justice Cresswell so held in

the Commercial Court of the

Queen's Bench Division when

Clementson (No 2)

[Judgment May 7]

insurance market.

Before Mr Justice Cresswell

overdraft secured by a mortgage was not a "mortgage action", Mr Justice Curtis had departed from a dictum of Mr Justice Donaldson in Midland Bank Ltd v Stamps (1978) 1 WLR 635) upon which various notes to Order 88 of the Rules of the Supreme Court in The Supreme Court Practice 1995 were

The bank issued a writ out of the Queen's Bench Division claiming sums allegedly due on two ac-counts which the defendant had with the bank. The writ, which was endorsed with a statement of claim, made no mention of any MOTICAGE.

The defendant's legal team deliberately decided not to file any defence taking the view that it was a mortgage action which had been improperly commenced in the Queen's Bench Division. The bank then entered judgment in default of defence, without first seeking the leave of the court. The defendant applied to set the judgment aside on the basis that it had been

irregularly obtained.
Mr Deacon relied on Order 88. rule 6. In order to do so he had to persuade the court that the action

was a mortgage action as defined in Order 88, rule 1(1).

Lloyd's bylaw does not infringe

EU competition law

prohibited pursuant to this article

Mr Jeremy Lever, QC and Mr

Richard Slowe, solicitor, for Mr Clementson; Mr Gordon Pollock,

QC. Mr Paul Lasok, QC and Mr

MR JUSTICE CRESSWELL

said that Mr Clementson was a name at Lloyd's. The Central Fund

Bylaw empowered Lloyd's to re-

cover from names moneys paid out

of the central fund as a civil debt.

shall be automatically void.

Richard Jacobs for Lloyd's.

facts: (i) the action was begun by mortgage; (ii) the action was one in mortgage of real property and the action is thus a mortgage action to which ... Order 88 applies. there was a claim for payment of moneys and (iii) the payment of those moneys was secured by the mortgage. So, he submitted, the action fell neatly

His Lordship considered the phraseology of Order 88, rule I was capable of the construction contended for by both the bank and the defendant. While in no way criticising the result achieved by Mr Justice Donaldson in Midland Bank, his Lordship disagreed with the single sentence in that decision relied upon by the defendant and the editors of The Supreme Court Practice.

That sentence was not necessary to the judge's decision and it seemed clear that Mr Justice Donaldson was not treated to the careful analysis of the history of the rule, and the previous decisions concerning it, which had been placed before the court by the

There seemed to be no reason in principle why, if a bank chose not to rely on a mortgage in an action, that action should be classified as a mortgage action.

Most cases based upon or concerning the operation of or-dinary bank accounts had been and were brought in the Queen's

Bench Division. In complex cases they would be heard in the Commercial Court The most appropriate place for the trial of ordinary bank claims was often the trial centre closest to the customer and bank branch and

during the last few years a series of Mercantile Court lists had been Mercantile Court lists had been established outside London under practice directions which pro-supposed that ordinary banking disputes would form part of the Queen's Bench lists. In cases such as the present, the

legal mortgages were charges to the bank created to secure running accounts. His Lordship could see no policy reason for construing an ambiguous rule in the way con-tended for by the defendant. So far as the money claim was concerned he deserved no more protection than any other debtor.

There might well be cases where there was a real doubt as to whether the bank was secured or not. In such cases his Lordship could see no disadvantage in the bank being allowed to sidestep any problems which that might raise. So far as the possibility of being turned out of his house was concerned, the appellant still had all the protection which the law gave to a mortgagor who was at

risk of action by the mortgagee. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal and invite the editors of the White Book to reconsider their notes to Order 88, rules 2 and 6. Lord Justice Peter Gibson delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Simon Brown agreed.

Solicitors: Lucas & Co, Cowbridge; Osborne Clark.

Stopping vehicle on road with double white lines

McKenzle v Director of Publie Prosecutions Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr

|Judgment May 2| The prohibition imposed on any vehicle stopping on any length of road along which centre double white lines were placed did not apply to a vehicle stopping ss long as necessary to enable a

person to board or alight.
The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when allowing an appeal by case stated by Keith McKenzie from St Albans Crown Court (Judge Gosshalk and jus-tices) which had dismissed his appeal against conviction by Bishops Stortford Justices on April 12, 1995 of failing to conform with the indication given by a traffic sign namely a double white line contrary to section 36(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1968. The case was remitted to the justices with a direction to acou

Mr Christopher Drew for Mr McKenzie: Mr Andrew Campbell-Tiech for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE NEWMAN said that regulation 26(2)(a) of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (SI 1994 No

vehicle stopping on any length of road along which centre double white lines were placed.

Regulation 26(3)(a) provided that nothing in (2)(a) should apply so as to prevent a vehicle stopping so long as might be necessary for any of the purposes outlined in subqualification came at the end of subsection (iii): "... if the vehicle could not be used for such a purpose without stopping on the

length of road". The issue for the court was whether the prosecution was correct to contend that the purpose Mr McKenzie was fulfilling on the road, namely picking up a taxi fare, was governed by the qualify-

Mr McKenzie argued that the qualifying words were confined to the purposes set out in (iii) alone and not to (i) which covered the picking up or setting down of someone. The purposes in (iii) took

His Lordship found it helpful to look at the content of the previous regulation, regulation 23 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (SI 1981 No qualifying words applied only to subsection (iii).

unless there were strong indica-tions Parliament had intended the endment of the type relied on by the prosecution, he concluded that the meaning was clear.

gained from what the draftsman had done was that the true meaning could be reflected in the

pressed the hope that layouts could be adopted when drafting enact-ments to avoid the difficulties that faced the court.

Solicitors: Lee Davies & Co. Harlow; CPS, St Albans.

There had been one substantive

amendment in the 1994 Regula-tions and the draftsman had consequently carried out structural alterations. But there was no basis for contending that there had been a second amendment causing subsections (i) and (ii) to be embrace by those qualifying words when they had not hitherto been. In his Lordship's judgment,

As to layout itself, his Lordship as a matter of principle would be cautious in placing much weight on the layout. What could be

way that the layout had changed. LORD JUSTICE PILL ex-

The existence of that legal obligation was destructive of the

respect of the continuing supply.

The judge was correct in his view that such payments were not in respect of future services, being

BT of the amount in question lowards a customer's future liabilhad no right, without the agree-ment of his debtor, to appropriate a payment to a debt unless the debt

Lord Justice Nourse delivered a Solicitors: Solicitor. Customs

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have as their object or effect the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition within the common market...

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pursuant to paragraph 10 of the Central Fund Bylaw, as subsequently amended, in respect of sums applied out of the central fund to make good default by the defendant. allowing the application of the Society of Lloyd's under paragraph 10 of Lloyd's Central Fund Bylaw (No 4 of 1986) for the return sums paid out of central funds to John Stewart Clementson to assist Mr Clementson, who him in meeting his liability in the Article 85 of the EC Treaty provides: "I The following shall be prohibited as incompatible with

described by Lloyd's as the standard bearer for 2,500 names, contended that the central fund arrangements were vold by reason of article 85(2) of the EC Treaty and accordingly Lloyd's claim under the central bylaw must fail. The conduct of insurance busi-

ness fell within the scope of article 85. Lloyd's conceded that it was an association of undertakings, the undertakings being the names and the syndicates within Lloyd's. Lloyd's admitted that its bylaws.

cisions of an association of under takings within the meaning of His Lordship said that the central fund arrangements, whether considered alone or in

to the central fund and its decisions

authorising sums to be withdrawn

within the definition in Order 88.

rule 1(a). Moreover, he pointed to

Midland Bank Ltd v Stamps

where the foregoing three facts

The issue which Mr Justice

Donaldson had to decide in the

Midland Bank case was whether

he had jurisdiction, notwithstand-ing the provisions of Order 88 to

retain the action in the Commer-

He based his decision on Prac-

tice Direction (High Court: Divisions) (1973) 1 WLR 627), made

by the Lord Chancellor under

section 57 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act

1925, and upon the exercise of his

cretion under section 58 of that

His Lordship accepted that

whereas, if the decision of Mr

whereas, if the decision of Mr Justice Curtis was right, Mr Justice Donaldson could have based his decision on a finding that he was not concerned with a mort-

He in fact said (at pb38): "The

cial Court. He held that he had.

were equally present.

combination with the reinsurance provisions, had not had an influence, direct or indirect, actual or potential, on the pattern of trade between member states. If there was an influence it was not Nor did the central fund arrangements, and the reinsur-

ance provisions, have as their blect the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition within the common market. Nor did they, in the light of all the relevant facts and the legal and economic context, have as their affect the prevention, restriction or distorion of competition. If there was an impact on competition it was not appreciable.

rule of reason applied to the central fund arrangements. claim against Clementson succeeded Solicitors: S. J. Berwin & Co:

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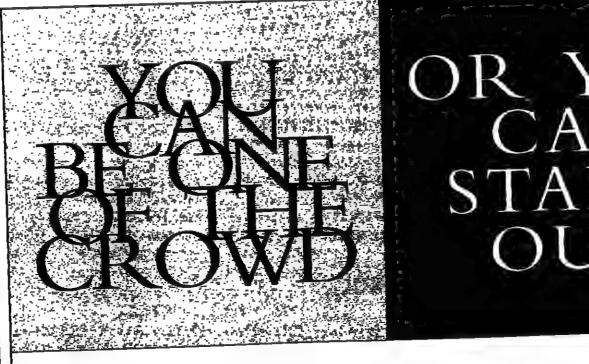
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THE TIMES

The price of a university place

tudents entering university this autumn are likely to graduate owing several thousand pounds to their bank and to the Student Loan Company. The cost of student life has never been greater. More and more school-leavers are considering deferring their course to work for a year or more to build up a

Those who walt will have the added advantage of knowing the outcome of a major review of higher education set up by the Government with Labour's backing under the chairmanship of Sir Ron Dearing, Chancellor of Nottingham University.

Set up after protests from students and vice-chancellors at the hardship and cutbacks experienced under the funding system, the review is expected to recommend a change to the student loan so that graduates have much longer to repay the money and their repayments are linked to earnings.

The National Union of Students earlier this year dropped its historical demand for grants to be restored to their 1979 level in favour of a campaign for a fairer loans system. Douglas Trainer, president of the NUS, says: "People are investing for the future by going to university and the years of hardship and difficulty should be a means to an end."

NUS research indicates that average student expenditure for 1995-96 will be £5,150 in London and £4,145 outside London, for a 38shortfall of E1.571 in London and E),248 elsewhere if a student reDavid Charter on

funding and how universities are

adapting to a new kind of student

ceives the full maintenance grant plus maximum loan.

Nearly 40 per cent of students considered themselves "in hard-ship" in the NUS's Values for Money survey in 1994-95. One in four had considered dropping out of their course because of finaricial pressures and half thought their money problems had an adverse effect on their academic work. About 30 per cent work in termtime to supplement their funds.

Despite all the publicity about hardship, demand for places still seems to be buoyant. One of Sir Ron's main considerations will be the future size of the university system, which presently caters for more than 1.6 million students, 6

per cent up on last year. Full-time student numbers are capped while the review is being conducted, but nevertheless the profile of the national student body continues to change.

The majority of students are mature students, those aged 21 or over when they enrol. The proportion of female students also continues to rise and this year there were more women than men at university for the first time.

others, are adapting their services along with the changing profile of students. One key consideration for the growing number of mature students are the playgroup facilities available at or near the university. There is no central register of college childcare although the in-formation should be available in the prospectus or on demand.

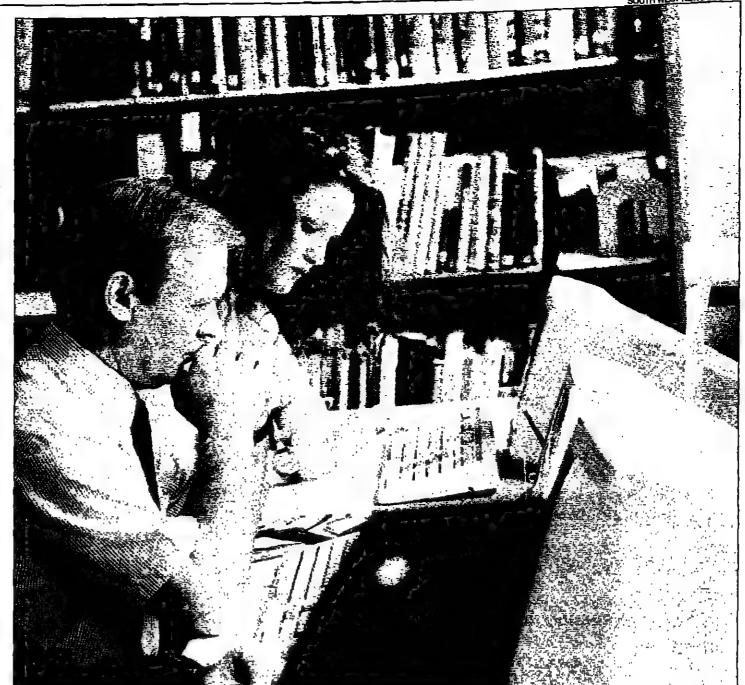
Attitudes towards on-site provision vary. Southampton's 24-place nursery for children from six months to five years old is oversubscribed. The university also runs a playgroup three times a week and summer holiday schemes for children of students and staff up to the

"It is an important factor for the non-traditional students and for postgraduate overseas students with families," says Joyce Lewis, a Southampton spokeswoman.

Nottingham Trent University has 50 creche places for children aged 18 months to five years on each of its two sites, 40 for students and ten for staff. Students pay on a means-tested scale of £2 to £7 per half-day session.

ennifer Spencer, a spokes-woman, says: "Places are offered on the basis of need. There is no doubt it is a major factor in the choice of Nottingham Trent for local students."

Humberside is one modern university which does not provide its own nursery. Sheila Cook, a spokeswoman, says: "It is something we have looked at but we came to the conclusion that the local area is pretty well served for nurseries and creches.



Mature students and women are now in the majority in higher education and universities have to adapt to this changing profile



How the Class of 93 are getting on

TARA BARKER is the first of the Class of 93, three students who started courses in that year who are being tracked by The Times, to reach her university finals. Her exams at Bristol University start next week.

Tara, 35, a single mother with a son, decided to study politics as a mature student to enhance her career prospects. She was freelancing as a journalist for a local radio station before her return to studying and wanted to stay on to do postgraduate research. She is now eping her options open.

"I do not really know what direction I want to go in. I will take my exams and take it from there," she says. "I want to be involved in politics in some way, whether through study or within an organisation." Tara's savings helped her to avoid a bank overdraft but the money she put by for university has

Three students describe how they

have fared since taking up studying

gone and she has a £3,000 loan to pay off. Her course lived up to expectations and has been "extremely enjoyable". If she does decide to go back to work she may take an evening course to keep up

CLAIRE FIELDSEND, the youngest of the Class of 93, is spending the third year of her four-year French and Italian degree course abroad. She is presently working as a language assistant at two schools near Lyons in France. Her fears about coming from a state school to study at Cambridge have gone and she is looking forward to her final year at Robinson College. Claire, 21, spent last summer

working to help to fund her year in Her course also enabled her to

spend the previous summer im-

proving her Italian at the British RUSSELL BATTEN has found the full-time job he hoped for after abandoning his studies. A year ago

he told The Times he thought he was taking a risk by leaving higher education. Today he is certain he made the best decision. Russell, now 21, left halfway

through a two-year hotel and catering diploma course he started in 1993 at the University of Brighton, saying it failed to live up to his expectations or its promotional

material. He landed a job as a customer-services representative with a mail order company last September after several months temping, mostly office work.

"I think I did the wrong course. I really hated it. It was the worst year of my life," he says.

Russell, formerly at Trinity School, an independent school in Croydon, found the course inflexible and the hotel and leisure industry less than glamorous when experienced on a placement during his course. "I would rather be in a job with a wage packet at the end of the month. I would not knock anyone for going to university, it is a magic idea but it has got to be right for you.'

He has enrolled on an NVQ level two course in customer services through his company.

DAVID CHARTER



There is money to be made by going to a Buckingham Palace garden party or Wimbledon for the tennis

The best jobs for the summer and where to find them

But that does not mean joyable. Working in a delicatessen came top of the league in our straw poil of summer jobs; market research by garden parties at Buckingham

What tips can students pass on to newcomers? If you are telephone selling (rating 4/10), take the jobs that offer basic pay plus commission, not commission only. Helping behind a bar, one of the most common jobs (rating 6/10). is Looking after children can sometimes have the added bonus of going abroad on the family holiday, but ratings vary according to the children's behaviour.

Jenny Picton, a second-vear History at the University of East Anglia, rated her job in a delicatessen (£3 an hour) 10/10 because it was varied, the hours were flexible and she got delicious leftovers. Working in a factory packing Y-fronts for Marks & Spencer, she earned £87 for a 36 to 41-hour week. She would do it again if the pay was better, "but they hate students in factories".

Helen Lovett, studying English and French at UEA. worked as a care assistant at a home for disabled war veterans in Richmond, Surrey. Shifts varied and could be up to 12 hours a day. The pay was £5.01 an hour, more at week-

now know everything there is to know about incontinence. I didn't get any war stories; the residents wanted to talk far more about me. The staff were good fun and supportive, and the friendly environment made up for the demanding work." She hopes to work there again this summer. 6/10. Charlie Lucas, studying dra-

ma at Birmingham University, worked as an usherette in a London theatre. She wrote to 25 theatres and one, the Garrick, replied. She was offered a job after an interview with the stage manager. It paid £18 a night, and she worked at two matinees a week. The next year she went in person to 12 theatres: the Globe rementbered her previous application and gave her a job in the kiosk selling sweets, programmes and tapes. The pay was about £20 a night, but she would not do it again. I couldn't go out in the evenings, the work was boring and usherettes are badly treated. It's a very

competitive world." 7/10. James Curtis, a history undergraduate at UEA, did surveys for MRM Distribution in of survey sheets and paid 35p a sheet if he completed a batch in one week, 25p if he took longer. "Good points: you can choose your working hours, good money. Bad points: disheartening, very tiring, awful if it rains." He would do the

David Lain, an undergraduate in politics at UEA, got his

packages to local businesses through an advertisement in the local paper in Croydon. The good points: £4 an hour. four hours a day maximum. The bad points: really hard work, very pushy bosses who go on about "team spirit". David would not do the job again, 4/10.

Wimbledon fortnight offers variety of hotly contested French and management at Royal Holloway College, worked in the museum shop from 9am to 8.30pm for £6 an hour. Thousands of people coming in and out all day made the time go quickly. In two weeks I earned £800 and never got bored. 9/10.

essic Middleton, reading psychology, anthropology and politics at Newcastle University, worked for the catering firm Town and Counwaitressing in the Lawn Tennis Association sponsors tent. It paid £4 an hour, for up to 12 hours a day starting at 8.30am. plus generous bonuses. "It's a smart place to work. Good fun, despite the revolting purple striped uniform and being on your feet all day. 8/10. She went on to work at Buckingham Palace

garden parties. Nicholas Crossley, a secondyear civil engineering under-graduate at Imperial College London, spent a month making sandwiches in the kitchen of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. "I made



so many I ended up dreaming about them." He earned £400, the hours were from Sam until 6pm, 5/10.

"It was strict — a bit like school. I had to have my hair cut although it was just above the collar, and I had to wear a Thompson-Jones, studying humanities at Notsuit, but I quite liked it." Might tingham Trent University. go back this summer. 6/10. was taken on for two weeks for the Harrods January sales

different shifts at £3.81 an

hour, he earned about £500.

Centres that can help students to pay their way THE BOOM in student num- at the end of the week so they

bers has been matched by a mushrooming of campus job centres offering term-time employment to undergraduates. David Charter writes.

and language experts may find their expertise helps them to more than a good degree. Some of the best rates of pay for students are at present being offered for setting up Internet web-sites and providing instant translation.

Almost 40 job agencies are up and running and another 40 are planned. Two of the notable exceptions are Oxford and Cambridge universities. However, many students remain unaware of the service. A conference of job shop administrators later this month will debate ways to give the

David Putalano, controller of Unistaff at Cardiff, says: There are 14,000 students in Cardiff and only 1,000 on my books. Many students who have been here for three years do not know that we exist." As yet there is no nationally

agreed code of practice, but similar policies are shared by the different centres. Unisiaff was one of the first

to be established. All the wages for students are sent direct to Unistalf which pays everyone 13 an hour. This means that the menial jobs are rewarded with a decent level of pay. Students are not allowed to work more than 15 hours a week during term

Mr Patalano says: VIOLET JOHNSTONE means everyone gets £45 cash The office, which is non-

profit-making, pays out about E12,000 a month to students, three quarters of whom work for the university and a quarter for companies in Cardiff. On-site jobs range from cleaning to clerical work and dish-washing to driving. Off-site, much of the work is in the city's department stores.

The take-up is seasonal, "At the moment they are doing exams and I have got a folder full of work which no one wants to do." Mr Patalano

ersity, has a minimum wage of £3.20 an hour which employers must agree to, but otherwise students are paid the rate for the joh. No one is allowed to work more than 15 hours a week. Tempus acts as a bridge

between employers with parttime vacancies and students looking for temporary work in term time, and for longer periods in the vacation," Bernard Kingston, at Sheffield, says, "About SOO students have registered their skills out of the 16,000 in Sheffield.

The job agency at Sussex University, Brighton, insists on a minimum of £3.15 an hour, coupled with agreements that the student must spend at least 40 hours a week on sludy and not more than 150 hours a term in a part-time job. The best rate carned by Sussex students was for simulfancous translation from a European language into English at £8.92 an hour.

Student loans and grants

THIS September sees the end grants have been reduced and student loans increased accordingly. The Government has now reached its target of a balance between the two.

Few observers expect this to be the end of the process since both Labour and the Conservatives see graduates as the only realistic source of the funding necessary to preserve quality and resume expansion in higher education. But there will at least be a breathing

Only full-time higher education students qualify automatically for a grant, although the benefits to part-time students and to a wider range of courses. At present, students taking other courses have to compete for scarce discretionary awards administered by

local authorities.

A complicated formula, based on parents' earnings, is used to determine how much grant students receive. A "residual" income below £16,050 full grant, but above £32,000, grants will be paid only if there is more than one student in the family.

Grants are administered by local education authorities and are paid in termly instalments. Government loans rquire an application to the Student Loans Company, which is based in Glasgow,

Student loans are not means-tested, although repayment is deferred if a graduate is earning less than 85 per cent of national average earnings. This threshold, currently set at £1.267 a month, is revised annually on along with repay-ment rates, which are tied to the retail prices index. For 1995-96, the interest rate was 3.5 per cent. From September. this will fall to 2.7 per cent.

Grant levels 1996-97 Elsewhere..... Student loans 1996-97

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The Department for Education and Employment publishes a booklet detailing the regulations for grants and loans. Copies can be ordered by phone on 0171 510 0150, by fax on 0171 510. 0196 or by post from the DFEE. Publications Centre, PO Box 6927. London E3 3NZ.

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'It's a cool, groovy happening place'

tudent stereotypes are crumbling. Every student in Britain might be addicted to morning television. but in other respects student lifestyles vary widely depending on the location of their university.

In Birmingham, for example, students appear to live almost entirely on lasagne and chocolate mousse. They spend E40 a month at the supermarket — preferably Sainsbury's — and although they share food with flatmates, they never share alcohol.

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Manchester students spend a lot more money on pizzas and love nothing better than curling up in front of the television with a takeaway. Their counterparts in London spend £100 a month on food, lavish money on off-licences

and like shopping on their own.
These insights are gleaned from research by Student Marketing, which tries to pinpoint what makes compuses around Britain so different. Students the length and breadth of the UK have been vociferously defending the merits of their adopted towns and cities.

London is definitely the best lace to be," says Becky Walden, 18, who is studying Hispanic studies at University College London. "I've always lived in London and there was no way I was going to leave because there's so much happening every night. My first year has been brilliant because there's no work."

"London? No way! Manchester was so glamorous," says Charlotte Somers, 24, who graduated in English and drama last June. "Socially and culturally there is so much to do in the centre of Manchester. It can't be beaten." Barry Cooke, 21, studying com-

merce at Birmingham University,

In Birmingham it is chocolate mousse, in

Bradford it is the rent — Chris Hadley

on the attractions of different cities

location and the set-up are perfect - it's a great campus in beautiful countryside and yet with all the benefits of city life just a mile away. It can't be bettered for nightlife." So who is right? The capital does seem to be very

popular with its 250,000 students. More than 70 per cent stay in London to find work, compared with a national average of 27 per cent who stay on in their university town. Students in London differ greatly in one great respect - there is no central campus so students tend to participate in the same activities as the working population. There are also more students than in any other city; other Londoners would probably say too many.

Leicester Square's pubs and clubs came out on top in the evening entertainment stakes and students are happy to spend £25 on a decent club night out. Then again, surveys show that 58 per cent of London students manage to spend more money than they have. Most students live in northwest

TOMORROW

The quality debate in higher education Top universities in 14 different subjects

How the dons' transfer market will tip the ratings

cannot bring himself to agree. "The and north London, with Camden still proving a popular haunt. Becky Walden lives in the Ifor Evans hall of residence in Camden. She says: "It's such a cool, groovy happening place. I go to Camden market every weekend and it's totally mad. The Underworld in

> sometimes regret not going to a campus university. I suppose it's just one big happy family there, but

Camden has a student night called

Bubblicious. People dress up in felt

hats - it's incredibly funky.

Many students prefer a campus atmosphere, but even then they often move out into private accommodation in their second year. Adopted Muncunians and Brummies can certainly afford to be happy about the large differ-ences in rent across Britain. The average rent for student digs in Birmingham is one of the lowest at £32 a week, although Bradford has the best deals on accommodation overall with an average rent of only £23 a week. Manchester compares

surprise that London prices are by far the most expensive at £65.

Manchester's 50,000 students are concentrated around Fallowfield. It has a high burglary rate because thieves know when the students are on holiday. While Charlotte Somer was a student, Manchester was frequently referred to as Gunchester. "It added to the glamour of the place in a sick way. Manchester was this place where Indie started with Oasis and there was Hacienda and loads of great innovative theatre.

"It hit a downward spiral with all the drugs and guns, but I think it's starting to pick up again and the club scene is unrivalled." Charlotte lived in hall for the first year and says it was cheap but the food was disgusting, but in her second year she moved first to Rusholme, a popular student area, and then to the notorious Moss Side, where she lived in a "real dive" and even watched a siege with armed police at the house over the road.

Birmingham does not sound quite as racy, but Barry Cooke will not hear a word against it.

"Most of the students live around Selly Oak. The comedy scene in Birmingham is really fresh, but everything else is as well whatever music you want you can find any night of the week."

Location is obviously important, and students do appear to fall in love with their adopted town or city, but some facts unite students

They have little money; they spend more than they have; they amass debt; they live in terror of finals and yet still manage to have the best three years of their lives,



The social and nightlife can play a large part in attracting students to different universities

Students expect to be poor, and to have a good time

Today's students expect to end up in debt; the only question is how much. As finals approach, the combination of overdraft and three student loans has left me wing almost £5,000.

My financial position is worse than most because I have no income other than the grant and loans. Anyone thinking of a university career should be under no illusion: money will be tight.

The final year is the worst because both the grant and student loan are reduced on the assumption that you will be working by the end of the summer term. I will be because it is the only way I will be able to afford the postgrad-uate course I need to launch

Not that it will be anything new. I well remember the summer of 1995, not for the endless hours of sunshine, but for 110-hour working weeks trying to reduce my debts. By the end of my second year at the University of the West of England I was £1,500 overdrawn, not including the student loans.

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In many ways, my debt is self-induced: I tend to eat well, enjoy a drink and have as yet been unable to master the art of staying in. I accept money worries as part of student life.

Things will not get easier in the future. Grants which have been reduced over the past two years are still going down, while student loans are being increased. Hence the pressure

Debt is a way of life



Andrew England

long-suffering parents) to fund their own studies

But it is not all gloom and dooru. Expectations are now so low that many freshers will not suffer as much as they had anticipated. Simon Underhill. who is in the second year of an advertising degree at Bournemouth University, says: "I was dreading it financially but it turned out to be a lot easier, just by doing simple things such as budgeting food, and picking your nights out instead of going out on whim." However, such discipline

took time to develop. "I didn't expect the expense of the first term - I spent about £300 in a couple of weeks but it was worth every penny because I

Now that Simon has adjusted to student life he feels he is in control of his linances. Debt isn't a problem, it just depends on what you are prepared to give up. I spent my summer working for a marquee company but ! earned loads of money and the job itself was an experience."

After leaving art school in Cardiff after four years, Andy Trottman is an old hand at student survival: "You have to expect debt. A student life is a social life; make do but enjoy

t the end of his course, he expected to be about £6,000 in debt but finbeing £2,000 overdrawn. He says: "Debt didn't worry me - if it came to a crunch I could get a job and

pay it off." The lesson is that most students' perception of debt will change. Its significance does not always lie in its size. but in the worry it causes. Being overdrawn is not a crime. There is always the opportunity of some sort of work, however menial, to alle-

viate the financial burden. Thousands will be plunged into debt. Simply be careful and accept that sacrifices will have to be made.

ANDREW ENGLAND

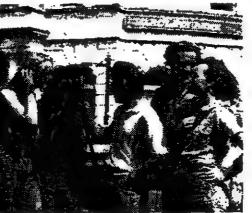
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A simple question of market research

Student Marketing is interested in everything you do

The people at Student Marketing want to get inside your head. If you are a student they want to know what food you eat, how much you spend on beer and what you are up to in the early hours of Saturday morning. They want to know everything about you.

Perhaps they already know too much.

They know that 42.3 per cent of students would vote Labour at the next election, 32 per cent drink one to ten units of alcohol each week and 14 per cent have tried speed. Scary, isn't it?

What newspaper do students read the most? According to the latest research by Student Marketing, The Times is read by more students than any other newspaper. In second place is The Guardian and The Sun comes last.

In fact, 40 per cent of students buy a newspaper every day but they are beginning to turn to the Internet for their information, education and entertainment. An estimated 40 per cent of students use the Internet at least once a week, and 21 per cent use it three

times a week or more. John Handelaar, 23, a history undergradtuate at King's College London says: "Everyone is turning to the Net, they'd be mad not to. Universities provide it for free and you can keep in touch with friends in other countries by e-mail or dig out some research for your next essay. I suppose I do waste a lot

of time on it as well." Much of the information on this page has

come from Student Marketing, which is based in London and Edinburgh. It is gathering information on students because big companies and their advertising agents are beginning to sit up and take note of students, and so they should. Students constitute a crucial 38 per cent of 18-to-24 year olds. In the past decade, the student market has expanded by 75 per cent.

Jan Levy, 26, graduated from Edinburgh University four years ago. He was one of three entrepreneurs who founded the hugely successful Student Pages, a large pink book packed with money-off vouchers for students in their local area. In 1996 Student Pages was published in 18 editions and Mr Levy and his partners launched Student Marketing.

ur mission." Mr Levy says, "is for Student Pages and Student Marketing to become the gatekeepers to the market. We are providing a service to both students and companies who want to

get 'em young' and develop brand loyalty."

Kirsten Williamson, 25, the managing director of Student Marketing, says: "We send fieldworkers out in campuses all over Britain. We now employ about 50 to 60 students part-time to gain snapshots of student life — what they think, how they spend money. We can get a snapshot report together in less than 24 hours."

CHRIS HADLEY

■ VISUAL ART i

The Victoria and Albert Museum leads a nationwide celebration of William Morris



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. whose centenary year is marked by a reassessment of his interior $design \dots$

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Richard Cork on William Morris at the V&A; plus other centenary shows dedicated to a giant of arts and crafts



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The man who

traded in the best of taste

Morris's name immediately of wallpaper festooned with flowers, leaves and undulating branches. The sheer familiarity of Morris's designs often makes them seem all too predictable. Since 1940, when Sanderson's took over his wallpaper printing blocks, their burgeoning pop ularity has overshadowed Morris's other multifarious activities. So the major survey of his life and work at the Victoria and Albert Museum, marking the centenary of Morris's death, is a welcome attempt to redress the balance.

This supremely energetic, adaptable and resourceful Victorian never stopped extending his range. Walking through the 500 exhibits assembled in this labyrinthine show is like encountering the achievements not of one man, but a prodigy forever pushing out in a bewildering variety of directions.

Morris's love affair with the Middle Ages began early. As a voice-over informs us at the start of the show, he never forgot visiting Canterbury Ca-thedral with his father: "he thought the gates of Heaven had been opened to him". The sound of that commentary, repeated remorselessly on a loop, is inescapable as we explore the first section of the show. But if we tire of hearing those reverential words, they do at least drum into us the fervency of young Morris's

Going up to Oxford in 1853, career in the Church and even to found a monastic order. Student life, especially the stimulus of new friends with like-minded enthusiasms, soon persuaded him to pursue a secular career as an architect. But he never lost his devotion to medieval cathedrais. Ruskin's writings fortified his commitment to a pre-Renaissance aesthetic and after leaving Oxford Morris made sure that he joined the office of G.E. Street, the most prominent exponent of neo-

Cothic architecture. However steadfast his medieval interests may have been, Morris was surprisingly uncertain about how best to channel them. A restless man, whose appetite for versatility grew all the time, he could airly be described as a workaholic. Abandoning Street after less than a year, Morris immersed himself in art with his friend Edward Burnerooms in London as well as an ardent admiration for the Pre-Raphaelites, whose headlong rejection of academic princi-

ples amounted to a revolution. The fruit of Morris's visits to drawing classes can be seen at the V&A, and they reveal his limitations as an artist. The diligent drapery studies, which show an accelerating competence, provided him with a source of reference for design projects throughout his career. But they lack true vitality, and only in an 1857 drawing of Jane Burden does Morris inject his careful draughtsmanship with strong

It turned out to be a momentous year. He had met Burden at Oxford, while collaborating

6 He died worn out by his search for the holy grail of beauty ?

with Dante Gabriel Rossetti and Burne-Jones on an elaborate mural scheme for the Oxford Union debating hall. His drawing of Jane conveys the fervency of his response to a young woman whose large. liquid eyes, swelling lips and dark luxuriant tresses bewitched him. The portrait is not, however, as openly erotic al drawing Rossetti made of her in the same year. With hindsight, his passion for the woman who became Morris's wife is burningly apparent

even at this early stage.

For the moment, Morris revelled in Burden's faithful presence. She posed for his sole surviving easel picture, a painstaking attempt to devict iscult pining for Tristram in her chamber. The undone waist-belt clasped so tightly in her hands, combined with the little dog curled up in Tristram's place on the rumpled bed-sheets beyond, give the painting a sexual charge unique in Morris's work. But Iscult's languorous allure is tempered by melancholy. She

mirror inscribed with the

word DOLOURS. And the

abundance of props included

in this modest-size canvas give

it a claustrophobic air.

to the exhibition. looks downcast and frustrated, gazing at a bedroom

Morris was in danger of stifling the picture with his love of elaboration: its acute sense of strain helps to explain why he never became a painter. His friend Philip Webb gling with La Belle Iseult for months, Morris found himself "hating the brute". Henceforth he would direct his formidable energies towards applied art; and when Webb designed the Red House for the newly wed Bexleyheath, Morris concentrated on furnishings for the bridal home while Burne-

wall-paintings. The brotherly spirit of collaboration at the Red House encouraged Morris to plan his most far-reaching venture: the founding in 1861 of Morris, Marshall, Faulkner & Co. affectionately nicknamed "the Firm". Its seven partners included Burne-Jones, Rossetti, Webb and another distinwished painter, Ford Madox With such a pool of talent behind it, the Firm was assured of success at its very first commercial display two stands crowded with objects and designs at the 1862 International Exhibition. They were positioned, aptly enough.

Jones produced the festive

in the Medieval Court. Morris's devotion to idealised vision of the Middle Ages was undiminished, and it united the stylistic diversity of the exhibits. Both he and his partners were driven by a determination to recapture a lost Arthurian realm, and houses should be fit for the "noble creatures, tall, wideshouldered, and well-built, with their bright eyes and well moulded features, those men full of courage, capacity and

Morris's exalted description of his ideal clients fails to chime with the people who commissioned the major schemes undertaken by the Firm. St James's Palace and a new refreshment room for the South Kensington Museum were the grandest of its interiors. The Green Dining Room still exists at the V&A, and deserves to be visited as a coda

Morris himself gradually came to realise that wealthy members of London society, whose houses he transformed with such vigour, were sadiv removed from his noble fantasies. He once said he was "sick of ministering to the swinish luxury of the rich", and a visit to Iceland in 1871 ignited a political urge to work for a

Morris's legacy anyway.

Of all those associated with

Pre-Raphaelitism, Morris has

been, by name at least, the

most widely known - and

therefore, perhaps, the most

ruthlessly stereotyped. There

are certain things everybody

thinks they know about Mor-

ris. He totally abominated

industry. He believed that

everything should be made by

hand, in a sort of idealistic,

utopian commonwealth. He

preached Art for the People.

but ended up making very

expensive pieces for an elite

There is some truth in all of

these assertions. But Morris

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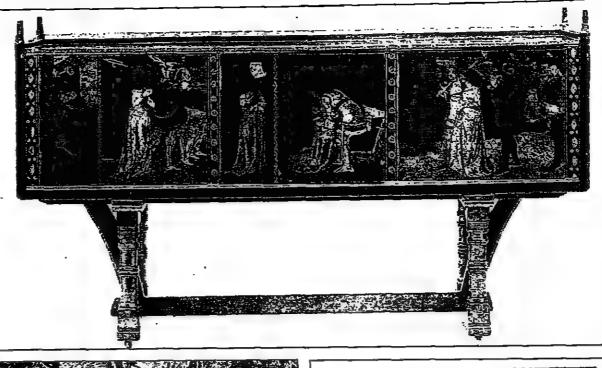
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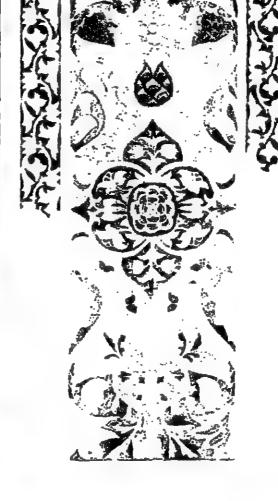
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'A prodigy forever pushing out in a bewildering variety of directions": (Clockwise from top) St George cabinet (1861-62); design for Hammersmith carpet (c. 1880); tile with a portrait of Rossetti as Chaucer (1864); Acanthus wallpaper design (1874)

society imbued with the spiri-tual simplicity he found there. By this time, Morris had reluctantly come to accept that his wife and Rossetti were lovers. But their relationship left a void at the centre of his emotional life, and may well have impelled him to seek solace in excessive labour. The unremitting tasks carried out in his later years are exhausting to contemplate. While

presiding over the expansion of the Firm and its international renown, Morris somehow found time to write poetry. practise calligraphy, champion the conservation of ancient buildings, promote socialism design and publish books and continue to produce assured designs for textiles, grand embruideries, hand-knotted carnets and, most summuous-

No wonder he did not live to savour an equally productive old age. He died at the age of 62, worn out by his own ceaseless search for the holy grail of beauty in the home. If Morris's attachment to medievalism now seems stifling. his insistence on truth to materials would become a touchstone for the modern

movement. Try to get the most out of your material," he urged art students in 1881. "but always in such a way as to honour it most." The innovators who transformed 20th-century British sculpture, from Epstein and Gill to Hepworth and Moore, acted on just such a belief.

• William Morris at the Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (0171438

not in precisely these terms.

Today, he might well be

more at home with some of the

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Did the patient seducer have his way? John Russell Taylor on the fruits of Morris's attempt Morris wanted the craftsman to be respected, but possibly

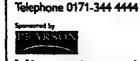
Some marriages are contracted in haste and repented at leisure. MORRIS Some are so long and carefully planned that they never actually happen. None, apparently, turns out as expected. One of the principal questions in William Morris Revisited: Questioning the Legacy at the Crafts Council is what sort of marriage has it ever been possible or desirable to negotiare between craft and industry? Another question, of course, is whether such an alliance has ever been part of

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to revolutionise industry through craft - and vice versa one in which everyone made everything for himself, or, at the very least, every small

community was self-sufficient. But he realised that history could not roll back, and so concentrated as far as possible on alleviating the situation in which he found himself. People could at least be

persuaded to practise crafts for themselves, as amateurs, In late Victorian England they did so already, to an extraordinary degree. It was their taste which needed purifying rather than their interest provoking. They must be persuaded to throw away those hideous designs for Berlin woolwork. and instead follow nature in embroidery or tapestry. If they had to do pokerwork for pyrography, as it was more grandly called), then at least let it be well designed.

But encouraging the amateur was only part of Morris's plan. He also wanted the craftsman to be a professional. He or she should be a sort of all-round designer/maker. able to make a living selling what was made. Morris was sensible enough to know also that this would inevitably entail selling to a rich minority audience. Morris did not like

he saw the perfect situation as that, but he could live with it - blind him to the values and

for the moment, until, partly through the agency of art, things turned the way he wanted them to turn.

It was not even necessarily bad to to shake hands with the devil of industry. What crafts-men designed might not be made with their own hands. but it was made according to their instructions with little loss of quality and considerably more affordability.

t the Crafts Council a wallpaper by Walter Crane is hung next to one by Lewis F. Day. What is the difference? That by Crane looks a bit more claborate, but otherwise choice might well be a matter of personal taste. But the Crane, being handblocked, cost more than 30 shillings a yard, while the Day, machine printed, cost more like 3d a

Contrary to popular assumption, Morris did not fail to acknowledge the basic arithmetic. He even went so far as to 20 into business and, on a small scale, industrial manufacture - with Morris and Co. best known subsequently for its wallnapers and labrics. His personal passion

for hand-illumination did not

possibilities of the printingpress, and he threw himself into using traditional methods to make fine books at his own Kelmscott Press. He hoped, obviously, that the craft spirit would gradually take over industry, bringing about a revolution from the inside.

And has it? This is where the

show's argument (for, make no mistake, this is an argumentative show) becomes most intriguing. As is pointed out, in Morris's day there was art, and there was industry. Caucht somewhere in hetween were the designers (who might or not be makers to some extent) and the specialists in applied arts. Morris hoped for an amelioration by emphasising the applicability of all the arts.

What has actually happened is that through modern technology industry can easily outstrip craftsman in terms of cheanness and wide distribution. Ironically, the implied price war has pushed the crafts in the opposite direction,

nearer to the fine arts. These days a craftsman is paid like an artist, and his work is bought, not because it is the cheapest recentacle for iam or daffodils, but because it delights the aesthetic senses.

 William Morris Revisited is at the Crafts Council Gallers, Ha Pentonville Road, London Ni (0171-228 7700) until June 30

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versatile a designer and craftsman that no single museum can paint a full picture of the neurotic Roff Brown workaholic. But among many celebrating his achievements the Cannes the William Morris Gallery, housed in the mansion in Lloyd Park, Waithamston ilm Festiva. where Morris lived as a child

comes nearest. Fifty or more designs for textiles and wallpapers are on show, including Morris's original drawings for Acarthus printed velvet and Dardil chintz. Many have never previously been exhibited. Nor has much of the stained glass which forms another show in

the gallery.
This is the medium for which Morris is less well known than his associate and fellow would-be dergyman from Oxford days, Edward were famed for their imagination and the jewel-like colours of their work

The most comprehensive permanent display of Morris's life and work is also maintained in the gallery, and in the autumn there will be the first-ever show of Morris tiles. These range from the pictorial decorated fireplace tiles which were among the earliest products of Morris's company to the later organic patterned type that matched his textiles and wallpapers and set a design precedent that has been followed ever since.

The story of Morris and his family's long association with the area is being told in an exhibition at the Waltham Forest museum. Vestry **House.** Exhibits range from photographs, pictures and other records and memorable. ia of Morris's early schooldays to his involvement in campaigns to protect and preserve

Epping Forest Morris's trip to Iceland in 1871 is marked by another exhibition of memorabilia, in-Priory in Exeter. The designer had long been steeped in the

early Saga literature, was riveted by the strange landscapes and returned to Kelmscott Manor in Oxfordshire with Mouse, his Icelandic pony. Kelmscott House in Hammersmith, Morris's home for the last 18 years of his life, is now that of the William Morris Society, which is responsible with the Society of Designer Craftsmen (formerly

the Arts and Crafts Exhibition Society, of which he was president) for a touring show of Morris's work and that of the designers he has most influenced.

Among the highlights is a poetry book that Morris wrote Georgiana Burne-Jones in 1870 and which encouraged his vision of a private printing operation, the Kelmscott Press. Since he never introduced any skill into his work? shops that he had not mastered himself. Morris even insisted on making some trial sheets of paper before ordering a first batch for the



FILM 1

Mike Leigh's new Secrets and Lies is one of a strong line-up of British films in competition at Cannes



FILM 2

. while I Shot Andy Warhol, a powerful American film about the guru of modern art, is a Cannes treat

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■ THEATRE

Resurrection is a gauche look at the life of the 18th-century "noble savage", Francis Barber



POP

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Angélique Kidjo finds herself surrounded by enthusiastic fans on the stage of the Festival Hall

First shoots of a vintage crop

It may be raining, but the outlook is bright for

Geoff Brown

at the Cannes Film Festival

of the first day at Cannes was of a delegate sheltering her head from the rain with a copy of Variety, largest in size of all the trade dailies published during the festival. What advertisement, I wondered, was seeping into her brain? A Tarantino spoof called Plump Fiction, perhaps? Or Pterodactyl Woman from Beverly Hills? Or maybe the desperately unappealing action thriller whose advertising copy read: "Burt Reynolds is Raven. For years the government paid him to kill. Now he's self-employed."
The Cannes Film Festival

market bombards you with so much hype and hoopla like this that some years it is possible to forget there is an official festival going on. But not this time. Hollywood glamour may be in relatively short supply on the Croisette. but star directors are plentiful. The competition section alone features new films from Bernardo Bertolucci, Robert Altman, Aki Kaurismāki and Chen Kaige, plus more contentious notables such as David Cronenberg and Michael

There is also enough British talent on display to merit a ** from the National Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottomley. Last night, while some of us were tucked up in bed, she stayed up until the wee hours widening her knowledge of hard drugs by watching Trainspotting.

Doubtless she was told of Leigh's competition film Secrets and Lies. After dousing us with misery in Naked. Leigh lightens the load, brightening his tale of family rela-tions and an adopted daughter with wry humour and some knockabout caricatures. Not that he's forgotten his new maturity: indeed, in his urge to be serious he drags his feet sometimes and gives his characters a scrutiny they cannot

always support. Hortense, a black beauti-



After the unremitting misery of Naked, Mike Leigh loosens up quite a lot with Secrets and Lies, one of the films in competition at Cannes

cian, sets the plot in motion by striving to locate her natural mother. Her quest ends, surprisingly, with Brenda Blethyn's Cynthia, nervy and needy and enduring a dead end life. Further comment should wait until the film opens in Britain in a fortnight: suffice to say that it moves. amuses and annoys in roughly equal measure.

Britain's other competition hopeful, Stephen Frears's adaptation of Roddy Doyle's novel The Van, fared less well with audiences. People came feeling bludgeoned. "Jesus," Colm Meaney shrieks as chip fat spurts into his face the is partnering a friend in a burger van during 1990, World Cup year). He seems to shriek Jesus" every few seconds. Frears severely miscalculates the amount of boisterousness a film can take; and any thoughtful moments in Doyle's script get trampled by the noise. What with this and Mary Rellly, it is not Frears's Peter Greenaway, on the other hand, has staged a modest revival in The Pillow Book, filmed largely in Japan and Hong Kong. Gone are the stultifying tableaux that disfieured The Baby of Macon; instead. Greenaway reopens the technological treasure trove he used in Prospero's Books and overlays images in different sizes. This may sound like a session with Windows '95, but no computer could ever have devised the eccentric script about a Japanese fashion model who covcalligraphy. Spontaneity and warmth remain absent from Greenaway's universe, but the

film demands attention as an exquisite visual conundrum. There is also much to gaze at in Jude, Michael Winterbottom's adaptation of Hardy's novel Jude the Obscure, made in association with BBC Films. Winterbottom, the hot young British director of the moment, may not quite have snuffed out the scent of a BBC costume drama, but he certainly knows how to present bleak landscapes and constant rain falling on grey stone walls. The script telescopes events too much, which does not help us feel the full agony of stonecutter Jude (Christopher Eccleston) and his illicit union with cousin Sue (Kate Winslet). Perhaps, perversely, this is just as well: if Hardy's stark novel was captured whole on screen, there might

be no audience at all.

witching continents. we come to Kansas Altroan's valentine to his birthplace, although aside from the large quantities of iazz played on screen you never feel much personal emotion coursing through the slick artificial images. The time is 1934; the story concerns the kidnapping of a politician's wife by a telegraph operator who over-identifies with spunky movie heroines such as Jean Harlow and Joan Crawford. Equipped with a

squawky voice and grimaces

at the end by enthusiastic fans,

galore, Jennifer Jason Leigh gives a thoroughly tiresome performance; what fun there is comes from Miranda Richardson as her captive socialite, befuddled by drugs.
Luckily other American di-

rectors seem to be in fine fettle. and capture the sense of place sadly missing from Kansas City. In Lone Star John Sayles explores the ethnic mix of the Rio Grande in a story that starts its winding journey with the discovery of human bones on an abandoned rifle range. Not every twist convinces, but compassion to make this film

The same goes for Trees Lounge, the endearing directorial debut of Steve Buscemi. everyone's favourite actor in American independent movies. The film grew out of Buscemi imagining what his life would be like if he had never left his childhood home of Valley Stream, Long Island. By this reckoning he would be a bar fly, buzzing round a docile town, annoying friends

and family. Buscemi, of course, takes this central role, although he knows enough about ensemble acting to give ample space to the rest of his marvellous cast.

But the most powerful American film to date has been I Shot Andy Warhol, by the Canadian-born Mary Harron. Some of its power comes directly from the main character, Valerie Solanas, a fringe member of the Warhol entourage who unleashed her bile and paranoia by shooting the guru of modern art in 1968. performance as the deviser of Scum (Society for Cutting Up Men); although the film's full flavour derives from the confrontation between her nihilism and the stoned-out vacuity of the Warhol crowd.

Jared Harris's Warhol impersonation is uncanny: you feel the man has come back to life. But the award for resuscitation must really go to Harron, who revives an entire era and art scene with amused

Rowdy tunes require rhinos

WOULD he roll out Bags Groove one more time? You might as well ask whether you will hear Pomp and Circumstance at the Last Night of the Proms. So, at the end of his first set, the dapper Milt Jackson duly tapped the first tumbling phrases of his most famous tune.

In his many years with the Modern Jazz Quartet, the vibraphone master has played that skeletal blues riff thousands of times. It is a measure of his melodic and rhythmic agility that the piece never sounds quite the same.

Critics frequently make the point that he has been at his most effective within the baroque confines of the MJQ. I am not sure that assessment has carried as much weight over the past decade as the quartet's set-pieces grew ever more sedate.

What is still true is that Jackson works hardest with another forceful personality to prod him along. Miles Davis and Thelonious Monk are the two most obvious examples to come to mind.

Mike LeDonne, the pianist in Jackson's current band, carefully avoids upstaging the star of the show. That inevitaJAZZ

Milt Jackson

Rhythmic, N1

bly means there is less of the structural contrast and interplay that distinguishes Jackson's best work. But when, as on this evening, he unleashes such a prolific string of solos, only a curmudgeon would

find cause for complaint. Inspiration flagged only on the over-familiar In A Sentimental Mood and the tame Latin beat of This Masquerade. Otherwise Jackson assembled a cleverly arranged sequence of pieces — including Benny Golson's Whisper Not and an up-dated treatment of Monk's Off Minor — which lifted the performance far above the level of a blowing session.

Mickey Roker, a replacement for Connie Kay in the MJQ, was the ideal drummer for this repertoire: subtle on ballads and a charging rhinocerous on the rowdy uptempo numbers.

CLIVE DAVIS

Still in the swing

NOW 75, trumpeter Clark Terry forged his career in the big bands of everyone from Charlie Barnet and Lionel Hampton to Quincy Jones. Count Basic and Duke Ellington. "One of the all-time jazz greats" was how John Dankworth introduced him to a packed Wigmore Hall, for a concert in which they were joined by two players from a younger generation: bassist Alec Dankworth and planist

David Newton. Terry shows few signs of age or fatigue, but his maturity shines through even the most familiar material. It takes considerable skill to inject life into such old Perdido and God Bless the Child, but uncompromising professionalism concealed in one of the most charmingly urbane stage manners in jazz has always been Terry's hallmark.

His style, while firmly rooted in the relaxed but massive swing of the big-band era. frequently draws on the edgier, more complex articulacy and wit associated with bebop. and the quartet's opener, the fleet Haig and Haig, neatly

Clark Terry Wigmore Hall

demonstrated both strands of his talent. John Dankworth, too, given a rare chance to shine in an informal, straightforward jazz context, showed what a subtle and affecting alto player he is. The next number, I Don't

Want to be Kissed, showcased another aspect of Terry's playing: his influence - particu-larly through his pioneering use of flugelhorn — on the sound of Miles Davis. On both this and a typically warm, sweetly plangent The emphasised fust how much of a debt is owed to him by today's flugelhorn and muted-trumpet balladeers.

Dankworth fils and Newton provided crisp, lucid support throughout, and John Dankworth lent an easy-going elegance to the proceedings on clarinet and soprano as well as alto. But this was Clark Terry's night — and he deservedly raised the roof.

CHRIS PARKER

Blame it on the doctor

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Resurrection Bush

ne of Samuel Johnson's masterpieces, Rasselas, involved an Abyssinian prince who left his native Eden to explore a world that proceeded to disillusion and disappoint him. But that was nothing beside the misfortune that eventually overtook the black man Johnson knew best. Francis Barber was born a slave in Jamaica, became Johnson's amanuensis, inherited a small fortune from him, yet managed to end up in a hospital for the destitute. Being a Noble Savage in the 18th century, or a Rasselas in Merry England, could be a sad, sordid business.

So Maureen Lawrence suggests in the two-hander that Paines Plough is bringing to the Bush. I am happy to believe her, but have to say that her play is pretty gauche, both in form and content. In the first half Malcolm Rennie's Johnson is on his deathbed in London - amplified wheezing indicating from offstage that the end is nigh and in the second Tyrone Huggins's Barber is similarly placed in Stafford. Each time. l found myself wishing the poor fellow would buck up and smuff it.

Not without awkwardness the actors change ages, and even characters, as they bob about in time. Barber meets Johnson as a boy, runs off to sea, returns, marries a white Woman and has children. tends the great doctor in his last illness, and obeys his last wishes by moving to the supposed security of Lichfield. where he is snubbed by the



populace and falls seriously horribly arrogant. But Johninto debt. Huggins brings a nice mixture of pride and vulnerability to this journey; but Rennie copes less well with the role of Johnson.

The astringent if slovenly doctor comes across as a kindly blob, a sanctimonious softie who wobbles about the stage saying things like This is the greatest democracy in the world, yet there are beggars on every street". The somewhat mixed impression Johnson makes is. however, in keeping with his author's attitude to him. Yes, he is capable of reducing an Oxford college to uproar by suggesting a toast to slave rebellion in the West Indies. No, he is not the champion of

equality he thinks he is. What makes Resurrection so maddening is that it judges the liberalism of 200 years ago by the standards of Hampstead today. If a modern employer behaved so possessively to a modern Barber, or made an inheritance conditional on his settling in the sticks, we would find him

son's affection for his servant and companion was clearly genuine, his generosity to him considerable, his desire to ensure his safety not unreasonable given the temper of the time. Isn't it smug and presumptuous of a late-20thcentury playwright to point an accusing finger at him? For that's what happens at

the end of Penny Ciniewicz's production. Johnson, says the dying Barber, was a good man, but his conscience money was mine by right, not favour". Nothing, he adds, can compensate him for what has been done to him and his. And he climbs into his makeshift coffin, declaring that Anglo-Saxon civilisation will have to make "a proper reckoning" if it takes a thousand years. In other words. Johnson should have felt contrite, and you and I should atone for our inherited guilt. It is a preny dismal conclusion to what might have been a much more enlighten-

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POP: African diva Angélique Kidjo and country's Steve Earle

IT IS unusual to see security A slave staff at a concert assisting the audience to mount an invasion of the stage. But given the to the open-hearted warmth and ir-resistible rhythmic tug of Angelique Kidjo's bravura performance on Sunday, it rhythm seemed only natural to find the singer, along with her seven-piece band and a wildly athletic, voodoo-spirit dancer, vastly outnumbered on stage

Angélique Kidjo Festival Hall

dancing and singing along. Kidjo, from Benin in West Africa, but now resident in galese star Youssou N'Dour and Kidjo herself, with her Paris, has become one of the leading torch-bearers of the international hit Agolo, has new Afro-pop, a fluid style that kept the profile of such music bridges the divide between the higher than it has ever been, propulsive rhythmic complexparticularly in Europe. Kidjo's set echoed the pioities of African music and the

neering work of Nigerian electric instrumentation of crossover star Fela Kuti, Western rock. whose song Houngbati she While the vogue for "world music" has faded since the performed, while her guitar-1980s, the success of the Seneist, Olivier Ajavon, paid skill-

ful homage to Carlos Santana, with a handful of fluent, highvoltage solos.

But with her full-blooded

voice and commanding stage presence, Kidjo stamped her own mark of authority on a set that ranged from the gently paced Fifa, a heartfelt plea for peace and harmony, to the disco groove of Shango. With her severe features

and flat-topped haircut, she looked like a benign and much smaller version of Grace Jones, and Kidjo was nothing if not a slave to the rhythm. " wonder if the sound of the drums still has its power," she sang after drummer David Fall and percussionist David Mirandon had produced a mighty display of polyrhythmic ingenuity as a prelude to The Sound of the Drums. The answer was self-evident.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Jest a bad ol' boy at heart

appearance unannounced. strolling on stage to join his support band, the V-roys, looking every inch the longhaired "country outlaw" in leather jacket and shades. But the audience's initial expectations were confounded when he launched into the Slickers' reggae classic Johnny Too Bad, which he described as "a

Jamaican hillbilly song". When he returned soon afterwards it was with the Dukes, featuring guitarists David Steele and Mark Stuart, plus bassist Kelley Looney and drummer Custer: the rhythm section from Earle's 1988 album Copperhead Road. They began with Feel Alright, the upbeat opening track on his current album, but the two-and-a-half-hour set drew on his ten-year back

Steve Earle Empire, W12

of songs by the Rolling Stones, Bruce Springsteen and Bob Dylan. In mid-show Earle did a

solo spot beginning with the two most intense tracks on his new album: first South Nashville Blues, performed in such a Robert Johnson style that you could almost feel the hellhounds on his trail, then CCKMP (Cocaine Cannot Kill My Pain), which detailed the prolonged drugs habit which he only managed to lose during a drugs-related prison sentence two years ago.

When Earle sang songs like this, or the harrowing Ellis Unit One, it became clear that he is truly a "country outlaw" in the Johnny Cash and David

than a heart-throb in the clean-cut mould of the new Nashville heroes. This was also made clear in his ceaseless quips, which covered everything from Garth Brooks and hallucinogenic mushrooms to his six marriages ("Lou-Anne and I decided to get married again, cos our divorce didn't work out").

During the second encore the show came full circle when Earle and the Dukes were joined by the V-roys and a tinwhistle player for a rousing version of Johnny Come Lately, which he originally recorded with The Pogues and which was inspired by a night on the tiles in Camden Town.

Earle no longer has those kind of nights, but he still seems fired by that spirit.

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CHOICE 2

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John Allison meets Henri Dutilleux, the

80-year-old composer currently visiting London for a celebration of French music

t 80 years of age, Henri Dutilleux is the epitome of a great-hearted French composer. Throughout his small but distinguished output of work he has always championed an elevated notion of beauty, and in conversation he still defends it vigorously. Indeed, there is little about this sprightly octogenarian to betray his age, not even the way in which he negotiates the old staircase leading to his modest apartment on the He St Louis in Paris.

At present he is working on a piece for the Boston Symphony Orchestra.
They're impatient because I'm late, and it's not for the first time! This year is hard for me because of my birthday. I have a lot of petits voyages to make. The journeys can be interesting and they make me happy when I hear good performances, but I must say that they interrupt the continuity of my work if I don't have at least an uninterrupted month. I don't work well. There's a phrase from Baudelaire about daily work carrying interest like capital - it allows you to go further. I need my discipline. I mustn't complain, but anniversaries cut two ways.

Dutilleux is making one of his petits voyages to London where, next Tuesday at the Festival Hall, he will be featured in Apres l'après-midi II, the ten-day festival of 20th-century French music. Along with his wife, the pianist Geneviève Joy, he will also participate in a masterclass, discussions and performances at the South Bank Centre, Wigmore Hall, Royal College of Music and Institut Français. An impressive line-up of musicians joins the Philharmonia Orchestra and Nash Ensemble for the celebrations.

The composer will be represented by a range of his works, from the 1947 Oboe Sonata, one of the earliest pieces, to his 1991 Diptyque Les Citations, and in between such major opuses as the Second Symphony. In spite of its

THE chance to hear the the pianist Evgeny Kissin play in London within four days of each other is not only a privilege but a revelation. At 22. Vengerov is younger than his compatriot by three years: yet he is the adult, Kissin still the child. While Kissin breathes the rarefied air of the hothouse, Vengerov's music making takes relaxed lungfuls

of the big outdoors. Although Vengerov won his major awards and made his significant debuts when he was just 16, he has never really been projected as a prodigy. Age, indeed, is an irrelevance when listening to his perfor-

diversity, his music is characterised by bright sonorities and what he calls his

"harmonic conscience". Debussy and Ravel are an obvious part of his musical make-up, but Dutilleux cites even the Franco-Flemish polyphonic composers of the Renaissance as influences. His highly individual style sets him apart from major colleagues such as Messiaen and Boulez, but he refuses to see

himself as artistically isolated.
"My style evolved from the realisation of the things I Jacked. Despite my good education at the Paris Conservatoire, I didn't know classics such as the Beethoven quartets, or the works of Bartók and the Second Viennese School. The serialists were not taught at the Conservatoire in the 1930s.

"Many important names were barely mentioned. There was a big gap between official teaching and real musical life so I had to discover them for myself. I did not like the 'terrorism' that the serialists imposed, but certain orchestral works of Schoenberg and Berg gave me something special in my search for rare colours.

olour and harmonic sensuality are the key ingredients of a French sound in music. Their presence is especially strong in Dutilleux's work, not only in the Van Gogh-inspired La Nuit Etoilée that the Philharmonia Orchestra performs in this festival's final concert. "Colour is important to me because I grew up with art. In my youth our house was full of paintings, especially by such artists as Corot and Delacroix.

"My great-grandfather, also an art-lst, was a friend of both men. In fact. Corot attended his funeral. But until I came to Paris to study I was surrounded by those paintings - it became stuffy and oppressive. So it was a total revelation to discover the Impression-



painters like Kandinsky. Many contemporary painters are my friends - 1 can't live without art."

Dutilleux is now one of the grand old men of French music. He was appointed Professor at the Conservatoire in 1970, after holding posts in French Radio and the Ecole Normale de Musique. During the Occupation he eked out a living as an arranger of nightclub music and a singing coach at the Opera, having been forced to return home a year after winning the Prix de Rome. Has he never been inspired to write an opera?

"It's my great regret not to have written one. People encouraged me. I was practically commissioned, but I was preoccupied with other works. low me to throw myself into such a venture, perhaps I write too slowly. And I hesitated a lot over a subject

 I spent a whole summer searching, looking especially at short stories by foreign writers. Now it's too late. I've taken up a project for voice for the Berlin Philharmonic - maybe it will become a prologue to an imaginary

"I know I love the theatre - I discovered that with my ballet Le Log in 1953. It was an adventure for me. They've just revived it at the Opera, but I wasn't invited. Perhaps they think I'm dead," shrugs a man whose music has never seemed more alive.

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mances. The deep calm of totally focused concentration with which his Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto began on Sunday night was entirely typical of Vengerov as an unusually mature performer.

He was in no mind to hurtle on to the fireworks, and Mstislav Rostropovich, who had already held the London Symphony Orchestra well back in the Sea Interludes from Britten's Peter Grimes, seemed to relish the chance to be as expansive as possible. The expressive world of the LSO/Rostropovich Barbican

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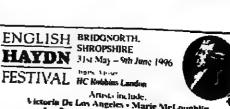
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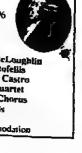
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its sights on union's heartlands

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

OT content with showing rogby union how to run with the ball, rugby league is venturing further beyond its right scrum of clubs in the North into union heartlands. Cardiff and Dublin are in line to join London and Paris in the Stones Super League as early as next year. Barcelona and

Milan are other targets.

The possibility of the new South Wales club, presently Wales club, presently playing at Aberavon in the second division, being "fasttracked" into the Super League for 1997 is backed by a seven-figure sum and a switch to Cardiff Arms Park. A Dublin franchise also has business support and Lansdowne Road would be an obvious venue.

However, raising a competi-ive team in Dublin might more difficult. Although



Ireland reached the final of the Emerging Nations' World Cup last year, the side is nowhere near the calibre resquired. Substantial and costly cam building would be needed in a country where the sport

quered, territory for rugby eague. South Wales have made an encouraging start in the second division and instant promotion to the Super League would entice a strong Welsh contingent home. The meeting of Sheffield Eagles and St Helens at the Arms Park on June 8 is an opportu-

nity to gauge public interest.

An expansion of the Super League from 12 to as many as 16 teams in future years, which club chairmen will discuss today, could also include an East Yorkshire

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club, provided that Hull and Hull Kingston Rovers can see past traditional enmity to-

wards a merged future. Jacques Fouroux, the Paris Saint-Germain chairman and former France rugby union coach, wants to establish a Barcelona side, based on players from the Perpignan region in southwest France, 100 miles north. More ambitiously still, a Milan side also springs from Fouroux's vision.

Maurice Lindsay, the Rug-by Football League chairman, said yesterday: "I believe in meaningful expansion, not fanciful expansion. New clubs must be backed by credible business plans, with quality players and stadiums, with the ability to draw on

support."
The first division, too, is to be enlarged, with the introduction of two leading French sides next season, who will also compete in a play-off competition with the top two first division teams at the end of this season. Lindsay also announced a "plate" competition for losing clubs in the early rounds of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup outside the Super League and a doubleheader final at Wembley next May. The Regal Trophy is a confirmed casualty of the move to summer.

The world club champion-

ship has virtually been written off for this year because of the dispute in Australia, which yesterday embroiled Gary Connolly and Jason Robinson, of Wigan. Both players have long-term contracts with the Australian Rugby League (ARL), which will "withdraw" them from England's side in the European championship next month in a tit-for-tat exchange over a threatened refusal by some Super League players to represent Australia in the forthcoming series

against New Zealand.
"If they [the ARL] try to bribe them not to play for their country, it will be interesting to see what a judge in this country would say," Lindsay said. We're going to select them and the ARL will have to do its worst."

League sets Davies gets round to self-congratulation

Patricia Davies on

the British golfer

whose resolve earned her a third major title

aura Davies is not given to self-promoting hyper-bole, but she did allow herself a generous pat on the back after her triumph in the McDonald's LPGA Championship late on Sunday.
That's the best round of golf I've ever played in the final round of a major tournament," she said.

Mark Fulcher, who caddies for Davies every year at the Dupont Country Club in Delaware, went even further. "It's the finest round I've ever seen her play," he said. Davies, 32, held her nerve

on a windswept and waterlogged course to produce a final round of 70, one under par, which gave her a level-par total of 213 and left her one shot ahead of Julie Piers, who also broke par on a day when the average score was 76.1. Jane Crafter and Penny Hammel, who came home in 33, tied for third on 215.

On a course that she loves because it allows here to give full rein to her driver, Davies had 17 pars and one birdie in a remarkable display. However, it was not birdies that won Davies, 32, the third major title of her career - she had only five in the three rounds - so much as pars. She had 45 and Fuicher reckoned that no putt and no par was more important than the one from six feet that Davies holed for a five at the 9th early on Sunday morning, to complete her storm-disrupt-

Davies had to play only two boles — others had to play as many as 11. including Catrin Nilsmark, the first-round leader, who was so bewildered by the biting, swirling wind that she missed the cut - but she had the worst possible start, taking five at the 8th.

Stunned, Davies salvaged that par at the ninth and a breakfast of steak and eggs set her up for an afternoon of attrition. Kelly Robbins, the defending champion, was two under par and led by a shot from Hiromi Kobayashi, of Japan, but Robbins knew that she needed a rest even before the championship began and slithered to a round of 79.

By Raymond Keene

Fide, the World Chess Federa-

tion, has clarified its assertion that the prize fund for the

Karpov - Kamsky Fide world

championship will be \$2 mil-lion (about £1.3 million). In a

statement last week, it was explained that \$400,000 from

this sum would be levied as a

tax to Fide, while a further

\$500,000 would be donated as

a charitable fund for the

children of Kalmykia. This

leaves \$1.1 million for the

players. Here is an early win

by Karpov against the young

Kamsky. The game is typical of the dour and unremitting

Nimzo-Indian Defence

style of both players.

White: Gata Kamsky

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Black: Anatoly Karpov

Koybayashi dropped shots at the first two holes and, when Crafter had a birdie two at the 5th, she was in the lead on her own at level par. She bogeyed the 9th, however, to share the lead with Davies, Kobayahsi, Val Skinner, Shir-Furlong and Annika

Fide prize



Davies celebrates sinking her putt at the 16th to take the lead for the first time. Photograph: Roberto Borea

Sorenstam. It was anybody's championshp and, at one stage on the second nine, Davies, an inveterate watcher of leaderboards, saw that

shot of the lead. It was Davies, though, who broke the deadlock at last, at the 16th, the par-five that she bogeyed last year to turn the championship in Robbins's favour. Then, Davies had a six-iron for her second shot; on Sunday, she needed a three-wood. It missed the green, but she pitched to 18 feet and holed to lead.

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there were II players within a

LEADING FINAL SCORES

"It was the first time all week 1'd had my nose in front," Davies said, and she kept it there, just. She came to the last needing a par four to win - barring any late heroics by Kobayashi - and hit a solid two-iron off the tee. However, her three-iron second shot, also solid, was bunkered on the left, 20 yards or so from the pin. Walking to her ball, Davies reminded herself that she had got up and down at the same hole

fortified, she hit a sand wedge to ten feet and, on a green where very little had been

holed all day, sank the putt. "I'm as impatient as ever," Davies said, but her performance belied that. It was a mature, masterly display of control, both of swing and self. A speedster on and off the course, she took her time. She hit 13 greens and, when she had to step back from a putt, to settle herself in the wind,

she did and she holed all the par-saving four- and five-foot

Davies reminded people that she won her US Open title on a Tuesday after numerous delays and problems with the weather - and. having won the LPGA title twice in three years, she is moving up the list of major championship winners. Of inporary players, only Patty Sheehan and Pat Brad ley, with six, Betsy King and Amy Alcott, with five, and Hollis Stacy, with four, have won more majors than her. It was the 43rd victory of

her career and her thirteenth in the United States. The first prize of \$180,000 (about £115,000) moved her into second place on the money-list with \$416,941, behind Karrie Webb, of Australia.

IN BRIEF

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Rusedski falls at the first hurdle

GREG RUSEDSKI bowed out in the first round of the Italian Open tennis tournament in Rome yesterday. In a contest of two big servers, Rusedski was beaten 7-6, 6-3 by Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, the No 2 seed, who relied on his fierce forehand and the occasional touch shot to secure

Rusedski, 22, who switched his citizenship from Canada in order to represent Great Brit-ain in the Davis Cup, learnt yesterday that Britain's proposal to play their away tie against Chana in July at Wimbledon instead of Accra had been turned down. David Lloyd, the Great Britain captain, had been roundly condemned in Ghana for opposing the trip because it would involve a long flight, injections and possible illness in the critical period between Wimbledon and the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

McMillan hopes

Boxing: Colin McMillan has his first important contest on the road back to the top when he challenges Jon Jo Irwin, the British featherweight champion from Doncaster, in Dagenham, tonight. In 1992, McMillan was the

most exciting boxer in the country, but, after he dislocat-ed his shoulder defending his World Boxing Organisation title against Reuben Palacio. of Colombia, he was never able to recapture his form. McMillan believes that, if he can take the title from Irwin, it will be the first step towards a match with Naseem Hamed.

Davies dictates

Real tennis: Wayne Davies, the former world champion. scored a spectacular straightsets victory over Paul Tabley. his fellow Australian, to win the BNB Resources British professional championship at Holyport, playing error-free tennis for much of the match. Davies now looks an even stronger favourite for the Laurent Perrier masters championship next week.

On shortlist Equestrianism: William Fox-

Pitt and Kristina Gifford, who had to miss Badminton, the main Olympic trial, two weeks ago, because of injury to their horses, are included on the shortlist for the British Olympic three-day event team subject to satisfactory further work with their horses, Cosmopolitan II and General

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sherhan, bridge correspondent The technique on this hand is obvious when you think about it. However, John Armstrong, my man in the North West, reports that two Lancashire county players missed the point.

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score two tricks there. I hope you see the correct fine. Declarer should cash two trumps, then the ace of clubs. then play a third trump to hand Now, he plays a second round of clubs and, if West follows low, he puts in the jack. If East wins, he will be out of clubs and so will have to give South his tenth trick via a ruff and discard or by leading diamonds.

☐ The biennial friendly international between England and Holland was played in Rotterdam at the weekend. This resulted in an English win by 405-313, giving them an overall lead of 5-4 in the

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By Philip Howard

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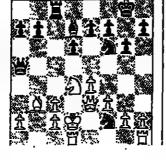
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By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Cruz - Talavera, Seville, 1996. Earlier in this game, Black sacrificed rook for knight on the c3 square and now has the opportunity to regain this material by expluring either of the White rooks. However, he found something much stronger. Can you see what?



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Cup defeat the spur for Neath

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Welsh League and Heineken, its sponsor, part company after this season, but their six-year alliance will be drawn out to the last moment. The league title will not be decided until this evening, the last day of an extended season, when it will either remain at Cardiff Arms Park or pass to

The argument over bonus points for tries continues, but it has produced a situation in which Neath lead the first division only by virtue of having scored six more tries than Cardiff; both clubs are on 67 points for a season in which four clubs have come through to dominate domestic rugby.

That quartet are matched tonight: Llanelli, lying fourth, visit Cardiff and Pontypridd go to Neath, whom they beat in the Swalec Cup final to win their first title of note. That disappointment will be the spur for Neath.

On the face of it, theirs is the harder task. Pontypridd have been the division's best defenders and they have named a strong team, though there are significant absentees in Paul John and Dale Mc-Intosh.

Were Llanelli to win, of course, it would probably hand the title to Neath. Wayne Proctor, who will be required as full back on tour of Australia with Wales, is in his normal position on the wing and Matthew McCarthy is at stand-off half against a Cardiff team including 11 internationals, of whom two, Adrian Davies and Andy Moore, are playing their last game for the club before moving to Rich-

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Essex shrug off loss of Gooch and Law to emphasise title credentials

Inspirational Irani rises to challenge in victory pursuit

SOUTHAMPTON (final day He hit four sixes and four of four): Essex (23pts) beat Hampshire (8) by four wickets IF THE purpose of four-day

demands and longevity of a Test match, then here was rich justification. Few county teams have the capacity to win after conceding upwards of 500 in the first innings and confronting a chase of more than 300 on the final afternoon, but Essex, old hands at such missions improbable, achieved a memorable result with comparative confort, extending their sequence of championship wins

Their pursuit of 329 in 69 overs was finely judged and calmly sustained through the loss of Gooch and Law at delicate moments. A fifthwicket stand of 112 in 16 overs between Prichard, the captain. and Irani, the all-rounder, brought victory into view and the manner in which trans saw it through, with two overs to spare, was further evidence for his promotion to England colours in the Texaco Trophy next week

A week ago, at Worcester, for a challenge with a thrilling, match-winning century after Essex had subsided to 32 for five. The chase only serves to inspire him, as he emphasised yesterday, batting with selective violence and using his height, reach and strength to great advantage. fours in making his 81 from

only 77 balls. Essex have been adept, down the years, in integrating Irani, who joined from Lanca-shire in 1994, is one example and another may be Paul Grayson, released by Yorkshire at the end of last season, but already impressing the old

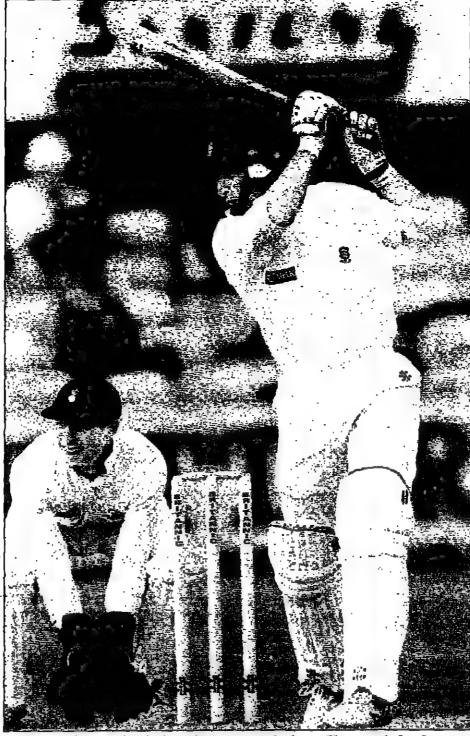
heads at Essex with his

attitude. Registered primarily as a batsman, he is also proving a bowler, and it was his left-arm spin that prised out Hampshire's three remaining wickets in the morning session, though only just in time to keep the target within reach. Hampshire's grip on this match was eroded by woeful

batting against Such on Saturday evening. The fact that 108 put the pitch conditions in perspective and Prichard's reliance on spin through 80 minutes of cricket was beginning to seem misplaced as Whitaker, his bat perpendicular in his stance, carried the Hampshire lead to 300 and

Gooch took the final catch and scurried off to don pads, but, for once, his was not to be the critical innings. The old boy was to blame for Robinson's run out in the last over before lunch, and he fell to a good one from Connor soon afterwards. Hussain and Law put on 64, but both were out with the game still in the balance, Law failing to make a century for the first time in four innings on this ground and Hussain failing to make his elusive first hundred of the

At 168 for four, with 161 required from 27 overs, Hampshire sensed their chance. Irani snuffed it out with the conviction of a supremely self-confident cricketer. His treatment of Udal was calculatingly brutal and, despite hopping around for some time after a blow on the foot from Connor, his innings was chanceless and composed. He left the field with a mile-wide grin of the sort that Essex may be practising with regularity this summer, for, if any side is likely to give Warwickshire a



Hussain drives Udal to the boundary as Aymes looks on. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Symonds keeps his options open

BRISTOL (final day of three): Gloucestershire drew with the

AS FAR as the English press are concerned, the puzzle wrapped in an enigma which is the availability of Andrew Symonds to play for England, selected, remains unresolved. Direct speech from Symonds on the subject continues to be clusive. Philip August, the Gloucestershire chief executive, repeats until he is blue in the face that Symonds will be available, if selected. Symonds, in response to repeated questions on the subject, has yet to come out of the closet.

Symonds did tell an Indian journalist: "If they give me a break, I want to play for them." For whom, though, apparently keeping his op-tions open until forced to declare his intentions. Although unlikely, the need for a decision could face him this weekend with the selection of

The Indians, meanwhile, left Nevil Road in a far better frame of mind than they left Worcester after their first venture in English first-class cricket. An overnight declaration by Mark Alleyne, with Gloucestershire still 155 runs in arrears (and on the understanding that there would be no follow-on) threw the match wide open. The Indians responded and a proper game of cricket ensued

Although victory proved elusive, the Indians were visibly happy with the turn of events. Had it not been for

Davis and Jonathan Lewis, down, battled for 20 overs against every variation that Azharuddin could devise, it would have been over early. As it was, although Davis fell to the excellent Srinath and the Indians squeezed in six extra overs, no further success

came their way. From first to last yesterday, scoring quick runs on a pitch that offered the bowlers more help than at any other time in the game was not easy. The seamers were able to nip the ball around and it was prone to keep low, but the Indians went for their shots and. despite losing six wickets, made 144 before declaring at lunchtime, leaving Gloucestershire to make 300 for victory at five runs an over. Gloucestershire never really

They lost their first three although Symonds made 28, it took him more than an uncertain hour to score them. He and Hancock put on 59 in 17 overs without ever mastering the Indian bowlers. Srinath and Prasad bent the ball wickedly off the seam and were a rare handful, and, once

Symonds left, Gloucestershire

had to play for a draw, During their morning quest for runs, the Indians pressed on regardless despite the regu-iar fall of wickets. Ganguly, a left-hander, was their main provider. He made light of his nought in the first innings. clipped II fours, and a six off the last ball of the Indian innings, in his 64 and set up the Indians with a reasonable chance that they only just failed to take.

Leicestershire draw comfort from record

THE reintroduction of points for a draw in the county championship inspired some resistance from Leicestershire and Derbyshire vesterday.

At Old Trafford, Paul Nixon and David Millns, of Leicestershire, established a county record partnership for the eighth wicket to leave Lancashire frustrated.

Nixon and Milins came together on Saturday with their side still 161 runs short of the follow-on target, but went on to make 172, overtaking the 164 scored by Maurice Hallam and Terry Spencer against Essex at Leicester in 1964. Nixon batted for more than five hours for his 106. Colin Wells and Paul

Aldred, Derbyshire's ninth-

wicket pair, held out for seven

Total (6 with)

his credentials with a devastating burst of four wickets for three runs in 11 balls just as Derbyshire were looking well placed to reach their target of 288 in 50 overs. Desmond Haynes, the Sus-

overs to earn a draw against

Yorkshire at Sheffield.Cralg

White, of Yorkshire, remind-

ed the England selectors of

sex coach, conducted an inquest behind a locked dressing-room door after Warwickshire's innings and 139 runs victory over his new charges at Hove. Warwickshire, the county

champions, took 65 minutes to take the remaining four wickets and ensure that they began their assault on a third successive title in emphatic style. Sussex have won only one of their eight matches.

McCague offers all-round reminder to England

BY PAT GIBSON

THE OVAL (final day of four): Surrey (Ilpts) drew with

MARTIN McCAGUE has not crossed the minds of the England selectors since he bowled one of the worst opening spells in the history of Test cricket on the 1994-95 Australian tour, but they will have to think about him again if he produces many more allround performances like the one that stood this match on its head yesterday. First, McCague, born

Northern Ireland, raised in Australia but now very much a man of Kent, made 63 not out, the highest score of his career, enabling Kent, having started the day only 106 runs ahead with four wickets in hand, to set Surrey 227 to win overs. Then, he took their first four wickets for 33, including a equence of three for three in Il balls, to give Kent a scent of victory before Surrey's sev-enth-wicket pair of Butcher and Julian held out for the final 27 overs.

Cowdrey, the last recognised Kent batsman, had disappeared in the second over. eg-before half-forward to Martin Bicknell, and, when Thompson was caught behind of Bicknell soon afterwards. Surrey thought that they would have plenty of time to catch their evening flight to Belfast for their Benson and Hedges Cup match against Ireland today.

McCague kept them wait-ing until the last minute. Twice, he had to send for the pain-killing spray after being struck on the elbow as he ducked into short deliveries from Lewis, but he ignored the discomfort to bat for 2½ hours. hit seven fours and put on 89 for the ninth wicket with Patel.

The eventual target was well within Surrey's range, considering that they had made 307 off 40 overs on Sunday, but this was authentic first-class cricket and McCague was in the mood to give their bowlers a short, sharp lesson in the virtues of pitching the ball up. Brown, who had caused such mayhem on Sunday, was caught at mid-off, checking a drive in his second over. Darren Bicknell leg-before in his third and Thorpe, back

when he should have been forward, bowled in his fifth. Stewart briefly threatened a revival, but McCague got him, too, beautifully caught at secand slip by Hooper, before his arm began to stiffen and force Kent to turn to spin. Hooper and Patel accounted for Hollioake and Lewis in quick succession, but Butcher and Julian had no great difficulty

in taking Surrey to 160 for six.

Century by Dale opens the way to success for Glamorgan

NORTHAMPTON (final day of four): Glamorgan (22pts) bt Northamptonshire (7) by

LEFT to score 279 off what ultimately proved to be 64 overs. Glamorgan won off the penultimate ball of the match. Three declarations were necessary to bring this about, which said something about the state of the pitch, but the victory was well merited, Adrian Dale, whose place was far from assured last year, made an excellent century and was ably partnered for much of his innings by Tony

Cottey. At tea, Glamorgan required 154 off a minimum of 30 overs. Maynard, it seemed then, was more important to their ambicaptain was at the wicket, as is customarily the case. This was not least the case when he was looking to hit Emburey off his length. Assuming the captaincy has not inhibited him.

On the other hand, it has not quelled his impetuosity. After tea he looked to pull and skied to mid-on. Morris had gone before him, attempting to increase the scoring rate by taking a risk or two against Emburey, but Dale remained.

It is three years since Dale batted sufficiently consistent-ly to gain a place on an England A tour. After that, Vivian Richards departed and neither Dale nor Glamorgan were to be reckoned with to the same extent. Bowlers worked out for themselves his strengths and weaknesses, the upshot being that he was dropped last year.

Now, on a pitch that had, if anything, become easier in but on than on the first day. Dale found the ideal partner in Cottey. Together, they put on 117 in 22 overs against field placings that increasingly smacked of Sunday league cricket. Emburey eventually accounted for Dale, taking a straightforward return catch. but Glamorgan's requirements were by now within their compass.

Off the last ten overs, 59 were needed. To cope with the short ball. Cottey was deploying a tennis smash as effectively as anything more conventional. He and Butcher had to score 14 off the last two overs, then six from the final over, bowled by Emburey and even that most astute of cricketers could not prevent them from achieving it.

Cottey finished unbes-ten with 65 from 77 balls. including five fours and numerous improvised twos and

No quarter asked in

KENT, who were the beaten tion this year despite going

The situation in group C is so complicated that four teams remain in contention for the

if they beat Somerset and Kenl win. The match at Taunton brings together the top two sides in the county

The same position applies in group B, where Northampion shire and Yorkshire play of for home advantage in the quarter-final, but, in group D. the game between Gloucester shire and Hampshire, at Bris tol, is effectively a straig-climinator for the right accompany Surrey into the

Durham have appointed Mike Candlish, a business man, as their third chie executive in five seasons first-class cricket. Candlish 48. follows Mike Gen and Alan Wright, who both parter



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Gloucestershire v Indians

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS Northants v Glamorgan

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Middlesex v Durham LQRD'S ; linal day of lourly Middleser (20pts) best Durham (5) by 306 runs MIDDLESEX. First, Immags, 191 (M. W. Gallang 74, M.J. Fouler 4 (g. 21) Second Iranags 391 (M W Gatting 171, P N Workes 73 M M Betts 4 for 101) DURHAM: First Imags 209 (C W Scalt 93)

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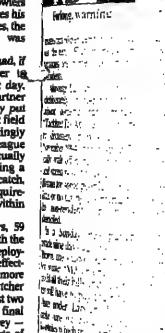
Benson and Hedges Cup finalists last season, could today be eliminated from the competiinto their final group game with a 100 per cent record. (Alan Lee writes).

two available quarter-final places. Kent, with four wire from four games, could miss out if they lose heavily to Glamorgan while Somerser beat Essex at Taunton. Essex, having suffered a last-ball, one-wicket defea against Kent, can proceed only

championship.
Lancashire, the holders. have won their past it completed Benson and Hedges games. They are already safe ly into the last eight trom group A. along with Warwick shire, the 1994 winners. Their meeting today at Old Trafford only decides which of them will receive a home draw.

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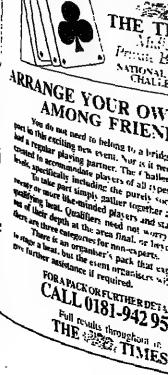
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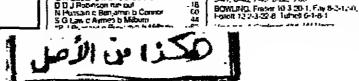


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Tax plans threaten **overseas Owners**

By RICHARD EVANS. RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE spectre emerged yesterday of the Maktoums and other leading overseas owners pulling out of British racing or dramatically reducing their involvement because of the tax policy of a future Labour government. The Maktoum family alone could face a tax bill of up to £100 million a year under Tony Blair, it was claimed.

Jim Furlong, a former stock-broker turned City headhunter who is standing for election to the Racehorse Owners' Association (ROA) council, be-lies a "conspiracy of silence" has surrounded the potential effects of Labour tax policy on foreign-based owners — and he wants British racing to debate and prepare for the potentially disastrous

consequences. Of the top 15 owners last year, only three - Lord Weinstock, Mollers Racing and Cheveley Park Stud were British residents for tax purposes and Furlong esti-



Furlong: warning

mates that 60 per cent by value of the 6,000 Flat horses in training are owned by non-Esidents.

Although Labour has been deliberately non-committal about domestic tax rates, "Tackling Tax Abuses", a party document published in November 1994, dealt specifically with offshore loopholes and stated how it was easy in little or no tax by claiming to Furlong says the level of be non-resident or nondomiciled.

in a Sunday newspaper article nine days ago, Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, wrote: "Millionaires who avoid all their bills and pay no tax will have to pay their fair share under Labour. I will make sure we close the tax loopholes which they exploit to avoid paying their fair share for the good of Britain."

Furlong, 41, said: "The question the racing industry must address is what happens when a Labour government changes

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the rules and foreigners are taxed on that part of their worldwide income that they remit to the UK to pay their UK expenses, including training fees.

The Labour party will acr to tackle non-residence status and a key area of focus in their November 1994 policy statement was the issue of the nondomiciled who are able to live in the UK free of tax."

Apart from the Maktoums. owners who could be affected are Khaled Abdulla, Fahd Salman, Walic Said, George Strawbridge, Peter Savill and Robert Sangster.

Furlong, who owns Wroughton House Stables in Newmarket, from where Jeff Pearce trains, said British racing had benefited from the generosity of the Maktoums and other Middle East owners for more than a decade. "What has happened is that the whole industry has based its strategy on the continuation of such overseas subsidy and the result is that British racing has not been very forward thinking.

Contrast that with the Maktoums, who have established Godolphin and a worldwide racing effort and are now beginning to lift their eyes from the micro to the macro. They are positioned for a phased withdrawal if the need arises. They have trainers in the United States, France and ireland as well as Godolphin, and they possess a tremendous degree of flexibility."

He recalled how the Maktoums boycotted the important Houghton sale in protest at VAT - when prices at the top end fell by 40 per cent as a result - and commented "paying tax does not sit well with people from the Middle East."

Trying to estimate the potential tax bill facing big overseas owners is not easy. but with the Maktoums on record as having 800 horses in training in Britain, around 600 at stud and 16 stud farms. not to mention various residences and the Racing Post. expense is considerable.

"You have to put it at around £200 million gross. At present tax rates that would mean a tax bill of £80 million and under Labour that could reach £100 million," he said.

If the Maktoums withdrew. the effect would be devastating. "You would have a massive shock to the existing economic structure of racing and it would probably take a decade to recover. We have to start thinking ahead and planning now. We will have to be less dependent on foreign



Stylish Ways appeals in sprint

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2.35: Dombey, a progressive individual, can follow up his Kempton gains. On that occasion. Pat Eddery rode an aggressive race to secure a prominent position in a big field and the colt responded by drawing away from some uninspiring rivals. This long straight looks made to measure. Humourless dismantled what should have been a wellmatched field at Pontefract last time. He looks a bigger danger than the stablemates Double Diamond and Pleasant Surprise. The last named finished well when unsuited to the tight Chester circuit but drops back in distance. Villeggiatura disappointed on his reappearance while Mancini is unproven at this trip.

3.05: Madly Sharp seems best at this time of year and triumphed on his reappearance at Newmarket, where he travelled strongly throughout. However, this course and distance winner has more to

owners in the future. I cannot

believe there are so many

intelligent people in racing

who have not addressed this

Unless the Government

consented to losses on training

expenses being tax deductable.

Furlong believes a major re-

structure of racing's finances will be inevitable — involving

the levy, sponsorship, tele-vision rights, racecourse con-

tributions and stopping bet-

ting duty cuts going to

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bookmakers.

A glance at the betting for the Vodatone Caks would suggest

that Pricket has only to turn up at Epsom on June 7 to add to

the Godolphm teem's string of classic victories. However,

while size has done nothing wrong in winning her only two

aces, it is easy to pick holes in the torm and she is unlikely

Birt Salsabil remains second favoluite in some lists because of her excellent pedigree, but after her poor run in the

Guineas she has surely been exposed and, in any case, looks as though she may not stay the Oaks trip.

Longchamp fast month on her first outing since being. switched to Andre Fabre, and is likely to run again in the Prix

journey from France, but is far from certain to do so.

Saint-Alery on Sunday. She would be a threat if making the

The Henry Cecil-trained Queta puts her reputation on the line in a listed race at Newbury on Friday, She will improve on her debut success at Sandown, but frome reports

suggest that Cecil has a better Oaks chance with Lady Carts

After losing Pricket to the Godolphin team at the end of last

year, Cecil will be keener than ever to win the fillies' classic,

and with Lady Carla he has every chance of doing sp. She

coped well enough with the Epsom-like bend in the Lingfield Oaks Trial on Saturday, winning in fine style, and is sure to

looks sure to give her supporters a good run at Epsom.

improve to the experience. At 10-1 with Corel, LADY CARLA

to start any shorter than the 13-8 now orr offer.

Luna Wells won the group three Prix Vanteau

do from 7lb higher in the handicap. Master Planner goes well fresh and has slipped to an attractive mark. He is best on a fast surface and will make his presence felt. In an open sprint, Stylish Ways makes plenty of appeal at a big price. He won first

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION time out last season and was

subsequently highly tried. He has since joined Sally Hall's stable and the move may have pepped him up.

Jayannpee's recent Newmarket victory was his first for 2) months but this enigmatic performer looks harshly treated from a olb higher

CHEPSTOW

1.45 Out Ranking, 2.15 Tearful Prince, 2.50 SECRET FOUR (nap), 3.20 Supposin, 3.55 George Lane, 4.25 The Jogger, 4.55 Tungsten.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 TEARFUL PRINCE.

1.45 STATUS HOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE

1-2 Out Ranking, 9-2 Sweet Trenton 6-1 Dames 18-1 Patrice Parado.

1 PPFD DAMAS 11 (5) M Pape 5-11-8 D Burrows (7) 91 2 UPPL PELACE PARADE 6 6 Nam 6-11-5 S Burrows (6) 3 0504 SMPET TRENTING 0 10 M Lap 5-11-4 R Johnston 35 4 3112 DUT PANKING 8 ND.F.G.S. M Pape 4-11-0 D Bridgewater D

2.15 ERHST & YOUNG MOVICES HAMDICAP CHASE

5-2 Sep Patrol, 4-1 Cryclary Idea, Tearlof Prince, 5-1 Collec Silver, 7-1 others

1 03PO RUMAWAY PETE 41 (D.F.6) M Ppn 8-11-10. D Bridgmater 98 2 440U NADART B (B.F) O Gardolio 7-11-5 D Developer 93 3 PD65 KEEP ME BI MODO 10 (CD.F.5) N Middlell 7-11-5 D Shyme 93 4 31PP SECRET FOLR 69 (CD.F) Mrs 5 Williams 10-11-3 . A P MicCoy 98

1 233P MUGONO BEACH 11 67.8.5) M Pipe 11-12-0. D Bridgmaior 57 2 - IRU ARMANA 13 67.6.5) J GRood 11-10-3 ... L Aspoid 55 (E) 2 P110 SUPPOSM 17 (EF. 6.5.) M-5.5 South 8-10-0 ... R Gends 90 4 3662 RATHER SHARP 7 (C.F.S) C Puplion 10-10-8 1 Dascomine (S) 70

7-4 Researcy Pele 5-2 Secont Form, 3-1 Keep Me in Mind, 4-1 Nadjub

11-10 Magne Beach, 2-1 Annata, 5-1 Suppose, 8-1 Ruber Sharp

2.50 MAY HANDICAP HURDLE

3.20 STATUS HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,625 2m 4t 110yd) (4)

(£3,553 2m 3l 110yd) (4)

Carl Evans: 4.25 The Jogger

(£2.157, 2m 110yd) (4 runners)

mark today. A similar remark her superiority. Overnight applies to Top Banana, who has been heavily punished for finishing second to the inform Anzio at Newbury.

3.40: Although Magnificient Style finished ahead of Ruznama when the pair filled the places behind Pricket. Barry Hills's representative can turn the tables. Magnificient Style is inclined to pull hard and this small field will not help her cause. She also looked uneasy on fast ground at Newmarket.

Ruznama, who looked sure to progress from her reappearance, broke the course record when beating the subsequent French classic winner, Ta Rib, on fast ground last season. She proved superior to Obsessive in September and can emulate her dam, Last Feather, triumphant in this event 14 years ago. Sea Spray had Sil Sila well behind when winning at Kempton last month. The latter improved when a distant third behind Bosra Sham

but Sea Spray should confirm

rain would help her.

4.10: Tykeyvor looks the safest choice in this tricky heat. The six-year-old, fairly treated on his best form, should strip much litter for a recent outing. Remaadi Sun deserved

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DOMBEY (2.35 York) Next best: Sketch Pad (2.00 York)

his most recent victory but, like Lord Hastie, will find this much tougher. Polydamus, Progression and Domappel appear in the handicapper's grip but Prize Pupil has claims after a promising reappearance. Conversely, Casual Water is not harshly treated but lacks the benefit of a recent run. Although Advance East is hard to evaluate, he is probably capable of better.

JULIAN MUSCAT

3.55 BARGAIN-BUY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

7-4 Gauge Lane, 5-2 The Black Monte, 6-1 Bushops Castle, 8-1 Chevelor Conce 18-1 Canadier, 12-1 Gilbert, 16-7 offers

7-4 The Jugges 5-2 Gee Dunble Yes. 4-1 Clobracion Ltd, 8-1 Paper Days, 10-1 Anhorbic Call, 12-1 Highway Jen

4.55 BALTYBOYS BITERINEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HURT FLAT RACE (£1,641: 2m 110yd) (9)

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7-4 Tangatan, 3-7 Daggie Wood, 7-2 Rock Dn Hovey, 6-1 Fools Meek, 18-1 Tingatis Lad, 16-1 Red Viper, 20-1 Gyesy Bress, 25-1 olius5

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSFIS: S Gritists., 3 observs from 9 nervers. 13.3%, M Pipe. 51 born 223, 27.4%, J Edwards, 7 from 26, 25.0%; N Henderson, 7 from 45, 15.6%, R Bootler, 4 born 26, 15.4%; J Gillord, 8 from 78, 10.3%.

JOCALYS: R Durmanuly, 32 minutes from 124 rises, 25.8%, A P McCov, 12 from 49, 24.5%, D O'Solfman, 3 from 15, 20.0%, D Bridgualter, 14 from 72, 19.4%; R Guest, 5 from 35, 14.3%, J R Lauranuly, 4 from 30, 14.3%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: There are no horses blinkered

£867.90

4.25 JORROCKS HOVICES HUNTERS CHASE

1 8552 THE BLACK MONK & IC.D.REF.R.St W Plos 8-11-10

(£2,108: 2m 110yd) (10)

(Ameteurs: £1,272; 3m) (6)

for the first time today.

YORK

2.00 Royal Orchid 2.35 Humourless

3.05 Master Pinno

3.40 Sea Spray 4,10 Prize Pupi 4,40 Athenry

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 HUMOURLESS (nap). 3.40 Magnificient Style. 4.10 Polydamas.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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GOING GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-EF, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND TRANSPENNINE EXPRESS

1,1	UZN	FILLIES	STAKES (2-Y-D: E5,796: 51) (6 runners)				
101	(2)	6	AMY 7 (A Needham) C Smith 8-11	_			
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105	(3)		SKETCH PAD (K Abduliu) R Charles 8-11	-			
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ETTIMB: 9-4 Dance Parade: 5-2 Sketch Pari: 4-1 Bride's Reginsul, Royal Orchid, 8-1 You Of The Wind, 25-7 Army							
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FORM FOCUS

BRIDE'S REPRISAL, thated May 51 Half-taster by Reprisend to last section's useful 51-71 winning parently Cacharge Stater dam dual 61 javende eviner DANICE PARADE, (Mer 8) Half-sister by

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2.35 SHEPHERD TROPHY RATED HANDICAP (3-Y-O. £12,885: 1m 2f 85yd) (7 runners)

(5) 165-CT DOUBLE DAMBIND (6,5) L2rd Maddetam Parintership) M. M.
(7) D64-1 HLAMOURLESS 21 (0,5) (Sheish Mohammed) L. Cuman 9-4
(8) 82210-2 PLEASANT SURPRISE 6 (F) (Abdullah Ali) M. Johnston 9-3
(9) 44-11 DOMBEY 38 (6) (Mary Rouschind) R. Charlston 9-2
(14) 421-1 MANDAN 386 (F) (Mary A transfer) M. Bell 9-2
(15) 44-10 VILLEGGIATURA 9 (F) (Martourn At Maldourn) B. Hills, 9-0
(25) 204-435 WARNING REEF 8 (F. Sheshari) M. Charmon 8-12

\$995: DANK 9-7 W Carson (6-1) W Harn 7 can FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE DIAMOND twee Brown 34 in 14-nurses

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#EMACEREES best Mobile Sponder 5 or 7-nurser
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3.05 PAUL CADDICK AND MACRAY SPRINT TROPHY

RATED HANDICAP (£11,274: 61) (9 runners)

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SETTINGS: 11-4 Top Barrans, 9-2 Madily Sharp, 5-1 Everglades, 6-1 Asirne, 7-1 Jayannoon, 8-1 Double E Macies Planner, 20-1 Helio Mister, Stylish Ways 1905; VENTURE CAPITALIST 6-9-3 Aler Gregors (15-2) D Nicholis 13 ran

FORM FOCUS MADLY SHARP less Versure Consider head in 11-nume handcap at Newmarket (6), good to firm) with DOURCE BLUE (50 better off) is 7th shall HELLO MSTER HIM better off 11-111h, STYLEN WAYS best effort lest section, 514 3rd ol 8 to Pipe Major in group 8 Van Geest Chierton Spalas at Newmarket (71, good to 8mm), EVERSLADES 114. 2nd ol 9 to Ramal in conditions race at Salvishmy

(6), good to Rmu, JAYANNPEE beat Sr Joev neck in 34-namer handscap at Newmarket (6), good to firm) ASTRAC about 71 6th or 14 to farmer in handscap at Newmarket (7), good to firm) TOP BANANA 41 2nd of 13 to Anso in handscap at Newbury (5), good to solf) with JAYANNPEE (1) beats of 5% 6h.

3.40 TATTERSALLS MUSIDOHA STAKES

C4 (Group III: 3-Y-O fillies: £25.304. 1m 2l) (5 runners) 461 (3) 13 MASHIFICENT STYLE 6 (D.G.) (Bustram Obi Haldings; H Cycl. 8-6; M J Karawa 402 (4) 212-4 OBSESSINE 9 (D) (Cheveley Pars Shas) M Stotte 8-6; T Courn 403 (5) 0131-4 RUZYMAMA 9 (F.G.) (Handam Al Maldourn; B Hults 8-6; W Carron 404 (1) 10-1 SEA SPRAY 36 (G) (Lord Wentchet & S Wentstoch P Chapple-H-ram 8-9 J Reid

1985 PURE GRAIN 8-10 J Rend (Evers law) M Stoute 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

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4.10 YORKSHIRE LIFE MAGAZINE HANDICAP

(£7,570: 1m 3i 195yd) (11 runners) BETTINGS 3-1 Advance East 11-2 Polyagrams, 6-1 Cansal Water, Dornadosi, Prograssion, 7-1 Prize Pupil, 8-1 Tylaysor, 18-1 Land Hassle, Rannado Sun, 12-1 Invest Wisely, 33-1 Phylids.

1995: ARCTIC THUNDER 4-10-0 it Darley (9-2) Lady Hymes 10 ran FORM FOCUS

#WEST WISELY completed tour-farms, beat Upper Mount Clar 11 in handicap at Yarmouth (2m 2t, good) PDLYDAMAS 7½H this of 13 to Ball form in handicap in Hearmortel (1m 2t, good to firm) in peruliarists at Hearmortel (1m 2t, good to firm) on peruliarists at Hearmortel (1m 2t good to firm) on peruliarists start CASIAU WATES reck and Start-hand 3rd of 13 to Blushing Flame in handicap at Doncaster (1m).

4.40 YORK RACEDAY RADIO CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-0: £6,207: 1m 5f 194yd) (5 numbers)

BETTING: Evens Laking, 7-4 Summer Spoli, 7-2 Athenry, 16-1 Rivercare, 33-1 Down The Yard 1995: STELVID 8-13 M J Kname (13-8 lav) H Cecil 7 do. **FORM FOCUS** LALLANS 21 2nd of 3 to Dushyantor in conditions race at Neumarket (1m 41, good to limit) SUMMER SPELL heat Anthem Bi in maden at Doncaster (1m 21 110yd, good to 2011) ATHEMEY heat Dusalowed Selection: LALLAMB

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Going, good to firm

Going, good to firm
2.15 (5), 1 HULA PRINCE (M Hills 4-1 pt.
1ay) 2. The Lambton Worm (K Fallon, 6-1), 3. Dave Master (8 Doyle, 9-1) ALSO RAN: 4-1 pt. 1ax Lucky Oakwood (4th) Mills End Boy, 9-2 Nithy Norman, 10 Rive La Belle, 20 Docklands Camage (6th), 25 Cale-Holme, Fina Times (5th) 33 Father Eddie Person Fund; 50 Super Shenti, Thewrightone 14 rain, 15-1, 15-1, hd, hd, hd M Johnston at Middelham. Tote: 15-70; 2:00, 12:60, 12:90. DF 2:66 10, 7 no. (183 80 (part won, pool of 6129 34 camied (prward to 4 10 at York today) CSF- 12:9 77.
2-45 (6th 1, PANTHER) (K Fallon, 6-1), 2

CSF- E29 77.

2.45 (8) 1, PANTHER 0K Fallon, 6-1), 2 Kormucky (T. Wilkams, 25-1), 3, No. Monkey Nuts (J. Carroll, 11-8 tav.) ALSO RAN, 11-2 Naughty Pistol, 6 Sea-Deer Jath), 7 Gone To Heaven, 8 Sence 01 Provity 25 Prime Property, 50 Napoleon s. Ratum. Rankaidades Rotbrook, Lady, Steel Sovereign. Thorntour Jewel (5th), 100 Monkey Face (6th), 14 ran. 41, 31, 1-1, 13, 14 Hetherton at Matino, Tore S9,00, 52,10, 52,90, 51,10. DF 58,70. Trio 53,30. CSF- 51,25,56.

\$33.20 CSF-£132'56
3 15 (1m) 1. SPANISH STEPS (Jo Hunnam, B-1); 2 Pc's Cruisar (Amee Cook, 11-2); 3, Four Of Spades (Amanda Sanders, 13-2) ALSO RAN 5-2 tev Parliament Peace (4th), 6 Bentico, Cariton Express (5th), Thaleros (6th), 10 Sell Expression, 16 Dance Of Joy, Roar On Tour 20 Langtonian, 33 Barda, 50 Ruby Plus 13 ran 131, 195 nt. 21-1, 131 M W Easterby at Sheriff Hunton Tote £13.50. £2 10, £1 60 DF £54.30 Trio £12.580 CSF £53.22 Tricast £292 02 3.45 (1m 2l) 1. HAWKSLEY HILL (K.

Colors Competition --- Colors

Falon, 3-1 tay); 2. Ordaned (J Farming, 33-1); 3. Alpine Parither (K Darley, 100-30); 4. Blerihelm Terrace (A Cuthene, 66-1); ALSO RAN; 9-2 Forest Fanlasy (8th); 9. Safecracker, 12 Crystal Warrior, 14 Lucky Bea (5th); Shermood, 16 Phantom Haze, Recall To Mind, The Jolly Barmaid, 20 Ettesty Park, 25 Sb. Clerks, 50 Dispol Conquesor 66 Ginger Hodgers, Northern Falcon, 17 ran, 34, 254, 34, 154, 51 Ms. J. Parrisch at Thiss. Tote. 25,00; C1.30, 29.40, \$1.10, 28.10, DF, £230.30, Trio: 523/50 CSF £23 63 Triosast £338, 47.
4.15 (Im.20.1, CS ASSIC FRMD to Mischey.

E28.50 CSF E33 63 Tricash E398.47.
4.15 (1m.21), CLASSIC FIRB Ja Mischay,
10-1), 2, Get Away With It (ii. Faiton, 3-1 jiav); 3. Lord Of The Manor (iii. Faiton, 3-1 jiav); 3. Lord Of The Manor (iii. Faiton, 3-1 jiav); 3. Lord Of The Manor (iii. Faiton, 3-1 jiav); 3. Lord Of The Manor (iii. Faiton, 3-1 jiav); 3-1 iav, 1-1 j- iav Michaemad, 7-2
Vinds (iii. Faiton, 3-1 j- iav Michaemad, 7-3
iii. Faiton, 3-1 j- iav Michaemad, 7-1 j- iav, 1-1 £34 90 CSF: £31.09

531 90 CS1: 531,09
4.45 (2m 4)(d) 1, ARIAN SPIRIT (R Lappin,
5-1), 2, Satin Lower (K Darley, 4-1), 3,
Monoragon (A Cultrane, 9-1), ALSO RAN
2-1 Las Upper Mount Clar (5h), 4 Sulvez
(5h), 8 Jaicanto (4th), 5 nan 144, 134, hd,
31, 21), Jeyre at Thirst, Tote: 55 20, 52, 20,
54 S0, DF: 513 30, CSF: 522, 78
5-15, CR1, 250 DA 2004f, 40 Double, 7-2 24 SR. DF: E13 30. CSF: E22.78
5.15 (7) 1. ZELDA ZONK (B Doyle, 7-2
lat): 2. Fairywings (r. Falton, 9-1) 3. Best
Of All (Tives, 12-1) ALSO RAN 4 Lovely
Prospect, Maxt OrCamme (6ft), 7 Charming Binde (5ft), 10 Hats Of To Hilda. 14
Prudent Pet (4ft), 16 Respect A Secret. 33
Rupiana 50 Village Opera, 11 ran 44, 3.
11-4-31 nl. 8 Mechan at Lambourn Tote:
2-400, 21-40, 21-80, 24-40, DF £31-60
Tino 545-40 CSF £30.02 Tricast
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Jackpot: not wen (pool of £3,322.79 carried forward to York today) Placepot: £234.30 Quadpot: £42.70.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.30 (5t) 1. JUST VISITING (M Henry, 25-11. 2, Whizz Viol (Damen Moffatt, 25-11. 3, Bullero (G Center. 5-6 Lay). ALSO RAN: 6 Moty Music (4th), 7 Fit For The Job (5th), Nampara Bay (8th), 10 Captain Picard. Rons Revenue. 11 Impertal Garden. 20 Wedding Music 10 ran. NR Miss Barcetons. 293, Ind. 7, 154, 4 J Wilson at Preston. Tote: £40 10. £13.90, £7.80, £1.00 DF. £342.70. Tino: £203.60. CSF-£445.20. 246-20.

3.00 (7) 1, AWESOME VENTURE (D.R. McCabe, 7-1); 2. Desert Inveder (J. Forune, 13-2); 3, Dencing Stous (F. Lynch, 15-8 (av) ALSO RAY: 5 Patacegate Touch (40h; 11-2 Blon Ledger (5th), 8 Sea Dowl, 17-2 Muser't Grumble (6th), 25 Marmoon, 50 Justinatus, 66 Undawaterscubadiva. 10 ran. 3-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1, 13-1,

3,30 (2m) 1, TOP PRIZE (G Bardwell, 8-1); 3.30 (2m) 1, TOP PRIZE (G Bardwell, 8-1);
2. Timphena (G Carter, 7-1), 3, Bella Sections A; Clark, 7-2 lav), ALSO RAN; 9-2 Swordlung (5th), 5 Selmestor, 7 Captann Mammalade, 8 Brave Spy, Cross Talv (8th), 16 Record Lover (4th), 20 Jose king, 33 Dispot Denoer, Lady Risk Mo 12 ran 14, 81, 101, hd, 191, M British, at Neumanhot Tote £10 70; £3.00, £2.00, £7.40 DF £51 50 Trio £333 50 (part word pool of £93 95 carried forward to 4 10 at Yorkhoday), CSF £64 55 Trioss £219 90

A.00 (tml 1, DESTINICT BEAUTY (Entima O'Gorman, 9-1), 2, Hadadebble (N Cartele 25-1), 3, Grey Galase (J F Egan, 7-2 tag), 43,50 RAN 5 Lady Dignity (6th), Nobie Carrante (5th), ToBee, 9 Jahrmid,

10 Patrio, 12 Skelton Countess, 14 Ballard Lady, 16 Prudent Princiss (4th), 11 ran, 4, 1%, 1nd, %1, sh had W O'Gorman at Newmarket 100er 19 00, 23 60, 129 0, E1 10, DF £139,60 Thio £261 20 (part word, pool of £184 01 carried lotward to 4 10 at York today), CSF £179,49 Tricast cacz 6n

4.30 (Sh 1, COME TOO MAMMA'S (G Carter, 100-30); 2. Run Lucy Run F Lynch, 4-1), 3, Who Told Vicky (J.F. Egan, 2-1 tay) ALSO RAN 5 Face It (5th), 12 Michight Times, Rahona (4th), 14 Ramsey Pride (6th), 16 Chilled Wine, 33 Chicasymp, 9 ran, kl. 14, 14e, 224, 57 J Berry at Cockerham, Tolle: \$3.10, £1 80, £1 90, £1,10 DF £5.50 Tror £3.70, CSF £17.53 Poundhi in 3.200 ans. £17.53 Bought in 3.200 gns.

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to the 23-winner mark for the season when landing a 27-1 double aboard Panther and Hawksley Hill at Redcar yesterday. Panther, dropped in grade

after running second in a Hamilton handicap last time. obliged in the Kilton Claiming Stakes and landed a gamble. James Hetherton's gelding, backed from 12-1 to half those odds, struck the front over a furlong out as the favourite. No Monkey Nuts. faded and then held on well.

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Hernia operation rules Collymore out of Euro 96

By Peter Ball and Peter Robinson

THE poor form of his Liverpool contingent in the FA Cup Final on Saturday can have given Terry Venables, the England coach, little encouragement, but there was worse news from Anfield yesterday. Rob Jones will discover this morning whether he can take part in the Eurpean championship finals and Stan Collymore is definitely out of contention for a place in the England squad.

Jones has been carrying a back problem for weeks and sees a specialist this morning after having a scan. Collymore goes into hospital today for a hernia operation and will be out for six or seven weeks.

"He is going in for one hernia operation, but it may become two when he is in there," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said yesterday. He was desperate to be involved with England, but he has been troubled by the injury for some weeks and we decided to get it done so that he will be fit for next season." Collymore's is the not the only name to be crossed off the

list of those hoping to make

Euro 96. Roberto Baggio and Lothar Matthaus had been warned to fear the worst; yesterday those fears were realised when the Italy and Germany squads for tournament were announced. Both were ignored and left to ponder the barely-between-thelines messages that their international careers may be

Baggio was not the only famous name missing from Arrigo Sacchi's Italy 22. Gianluca Vialli, the Juventus



Baggio: overlooked

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Pley-offs: Semi-finals: Bestern Conference: Chicago B4 New York 91 (Chicago lead best-of-sever series 3-1); Oriendo 100

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captain, announced last that he would not play for Italy again while Sacchi remains coach, and thus he will have to wait until next season to play in England, if rumours about his impending transfer to the FA Carling Premiership are correct. There is no place, either, for Giuseppe Signori. the Lazio striker, who jointly led the list of goalscorers in Serie A this season. Baggio, however, was the most conspicuous by his ab-sence, despite his brilliance in

the World Cup two years ago and his contribution to AC Milan's recently-won league championship. A lot of players whom I admire and respect are not on this list," Sacchi said yesterday, "I made a decision in the light of the championship, availability and other factors." Matthaus has paid for his

age — 35 — his struggles to overcome Achilles tendon problems and recent disputes with several other players. Berti Vogts, the Germany coach, has based his squad on the country's leading clubs, Borussia Dortmund and Bayern Munich. Thirteen of the 22 chosen come from the Borussia and Bayern - perhaps 14, for Mario Basier is set to move to Munich from Werder Bremen.

Spain announced their squad yesterday and there is no place for either Raul or Hugo de la Peña, the teenagers who have shone this season for their clubs, Real Madrid and Barcelona. Javier Clemente, the coach, has opted for experience. ☐ Bobby Gould has included

Mark Hughes, the Chelsea striker, in his Wales squad for their opening World Cup qualifying tie, in San Marino on June 2. Contrary to many predictions, Gould, the Wales manager, has overlooked the



Francis goes back to the future

cash raised by season ticket

sales and savings made in

pruning the large playing staff accumulated by Fry.

Francis talked of his "spe-

cial relationship" with Bir-

mingham supporters, which was ignited in 1971, when, at

the age of 16, he scored four

goals against Bolton Wand-erers. "We had magical mo-

ments that can never be rekindled," he said, "but, if I

could bring success back to

BY DENNIS SHAW

TREVOR FRANCIS yester-day returned to the football club where he was once revered by supporters as a 16year-old player, with a man-ager's brief to launch a new

Francis was officially con-

firmed by Birmingham City

as the successor to Barry Fry. who was dismissed last week. He has a three-year contract – sufficient in duration, the club's owners feel, to secure elevation to the FA Carling Premiership from the Endsleigh Insurance League first division. They do not, however, have unlimited funds to put at his disposal.

David Gold, who co-owns the club in partnership with

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his brother, Richard, and David Sullivan, said that a this club, it would be very important to me. I'm in a maximum of £3.5 million hurry to get into the Premierwould be available to Francis ship and I wouldn't have for new players. This would be made up of £1 million of come here if the board did not feel the same way." new money put forward by the board, plus half of the

Sunderland, newly-proo ed to the Premiership, said yesterday that they were still nopeful of persuading Ian Rush, the veteran Liverpool forward, to join them in preference to Leeds United.

lan Holloway, the Queens Park Rangers midfield player, yesterday returned to Bristol Rovers as player-manager. He succeeds John Ward, who left the club last week. Holloway played 283 league games in two spells with

ABC of the worried GP

There is a commendable absence of popular appeal about File on 4. which returns tonight. It assumes that we do not approach its chosen topics with empty minds, but, if this is precisely how ill-informed we are, File on 4 does not give up on us. It knocks our heads together and gets down to the job of educating us. Tonight it focuses on GP fund-holding in south Derbyshire, where something in the NHS is seriously amiss. Because of excessive paperwork and administrative pressures, some local surgeries are getting out of fundholding. Other cash-strapped GPs are cutting back on patient care services. This File on 4 inquiry is well timed, going out on the eve of publication of an Audit Commission report on fundholding.

The Robinsons at the BBC. Radio 2, 9.00pm.

Stephen Pattinson's script, affably delivered by Ian Wallace, doverails the working lives of two brothers who, in their different ways, did much to make popular music even more popular. Eric Robinson was the better known because television was his medium. His Music for You attracted viewers in their millions. Some of his celebrated guests distliked his over-familiar approach. I confess that I did not warm to him. Stanford did not ry to charm anybody. His best work, outside radio, was in concert halls and opera houses. He pointed the way to new musical experiences. In contrast, Eric followed the public through familiar territory,

Peter Davalle

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RADIO 2

Filit Stereo, 6.00am Martin Keiner 7.30 Walke Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Delble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewert 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Heyes over Britain 8.30 Ticking the Ivones (6/5) 9.00 The Robmsons at the BBC. See Choice 18.00 Ironic Maidens (1/5) (r) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

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5.00am Moming Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl 6.55, 7.55 racing preview 8.35 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.05pm Ruscoe on Five, incl 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide, incl 8.48 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extre 7.35 Inside Edge, with Rob Bonnel, incl at 7.50 The Business of Sport and at 8.35 Sport for and by people with Rigabilities 9.05 Any Sporting Questions, live from Hampden Park in Glasgow, with Pat Murphy 10.05 News Talk, with Nigel Cassidy 11.00 Night Edra, incl 11.18 The Pinancial World Tonight 12.08em After Hours 2.05 Up All Night

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CLASSIC FM

4,00am Mark Griffiths 5.00 Mille Read 9.00 Henry kally 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jemie Crick 6.00 Classic Newsnight 6.30 Sonale 7.00 The Oper Guide 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6,00mm Rues 'n' Jone 9,00 Richard Skinner 12,00 Graham Dane 4,00pm Nicky Home 7,30 Paul Coyle 10,09 Mark Format 2,00mm Robin Bonks

6.00em On Air. Includes, Grieg (Symphonic Dances, op 64); Weber (Clarinet Concerto No 2 in E fist), Gluseppe Cambini (String Quartet Op 40 no 3); Bernstein (Three Dance Episodes) 9,00 Merring Callegian with

9.00 Morning Collection, with Paul Gambaculni. Wagner (Ride of the Vallyries, Die

Legends, Op 5); Ibert (Escales); Haydn (Symphony No 85 in B flat, La Reine) 10.00 Musical Encounters. Kachaturian (Greeting Overture) 10.05 Artists of the Waek - London Barocue W.F. Bach (Sonala in E list, Op 1 No 5) 10.15 Mozart

(Diverimento in B liat, K240); Stradella (Sorde dive, ch'ai mortali, San Giovanni Bettista); Dvořák (The Noonday Witch); Stradella (Queste lac. me e soson, San Govanni Battista); Smetana (Spring Quartet No 2 in D minor)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Clare Schumann. Includes, Variations on a Theme of Robert Schumarn and Scherzos in D minor, Op 10; in C minor, Op 14

1.00pm BBC Festival of Brass 1996. The Britanna Building Society Band under Howard Snall with Mark Wilkinson, comet. Balay, arr Wright (Overture. Diadem of Gold). Snall (Fanlasy for cornet). Rubbra, arr Anon (The Shining River): Gary Carpenter (Chi), Wagner, Arr Snell (Entry into Valhalia Das

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2.00 Schools Playtime 2.15 Time lo Move 2.35 Listen

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3.00 The BBC Orchestes. The BBC National Orchestes of Wates under Yan Pascal Torteller With Ciclle Outset. plano. Rebecca Evans, soprano, Neal Davies, bass, BBC National Chorus of Wales, Ravel (Alborada del 1): Fauré (Recuiem) 4.35 Take Your Partners ... A 16th-century dancing lesson,

5.15 in Tune, Includes, Britter (Calypso, Cabarat Songs); Fats Waller (Hold Tight); Schubert, arr Sitkovel (Rondo in A. D438)
7.30 Pebble MIII, Ive from Studio
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Lawson demonstrates the player-plano, which automatically plays music recorded for it on perforated paper rolls. Includes pieces by Strawinsky, Nancarrow and Stanhope 8.15 Put Another Nickel In A look at musical stot-machines 8.35 Concert

9.30 Picasso's Women — Fernande (2/4) 9.55 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Richard Hickox Beethoven (Symphony No 6 in F. Pastoral) (/)

10.45 Night Waves
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12.30mm Jazz Notes

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10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 All in the Mind, Professor
Anthony Clare investigates

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Lesley Hiddoch
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WORD-WATCHING

(b) To cut off, to abscind, to abscise. Botanical jargon. Back-formation from abscission. "The twigs may be abscissed after

(b) A diagram used for the graphical representation of a complex number. The eponym of the surname of Jean Robert Argand, a French mathematician (1768-1822). "The Argand diagram is two perpendicular axes on one of which real numbers are represented and on the other pure imaginaries, thus providing a frame of reference for graphing complex numbers." DYAK

(c) A member of one of the aboriginal peoples inhabiting parts of Borneo and Sarawak, often divided into Land Dyals and Sea Dyaks. From the Malay dayak, up-country. D. H. Lawrence. Adelphi, 1924: "How apparently untamed the savage may be, Dyak or Hottentot, you may be sure he is grinding on his own

(b) The French name for coffee with brandy or rum. "Burnt

coffee (in France vulgarly called gloria). Make some coffee.

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6-1, 6-3; C Moyo (Sr) bit J Arrese (So) 6-2,
4-8, 6-4; A Costa (Sp) bit K Carteen (Don)
6-1, 6-7, 6-4; M Washington (US) bit G Pazzi
filip 6-4, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) bit J SerresmiHoll) 6-3, 6-4
BERLIN: Women's tournament: First
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Likhovitsens (Russ) bit A Sugraman (Japan)
6-3, 6-2; Y Bozuko (Indo) bit M Gryzbowska
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In our genes, we all look very much alike

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REVIEW

as a cousin may be counted a misfortune, to have two smacks of carelessness. But the Crust family, undistinguished apart from their relationship to both Margaret Thatcher and John Major, can at least plead that careless lineage is universal.

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Relationships are all in the genes or, as Professor Steve Jones pithily put it in the first of his series on genetics, In The Blood (BBCI):
"History is made in bed. Genes move across the world through sex, not through a wandering tribe of heroes."

Jones is a media academic of the modern school. Whereas Bronowski (The Ascent of Man) and Clark (Civilisation) came blinking somewhat stiffly before the camera, Jones, in sports coat and opennecked shirt throughout, arrives as if to the manner born.

I will be accused of haste in putting Jones alongside those pre-

decessors but genetics is surely the moved from one place and simply discovery of the age and neither The Ascent of Man nor Civilisation was quite as lauded at the time as they have become since. In those terms, In The Blood is landmark television.

The first programme, Lost Tribes, took Iones ("I'm one of the world's top six snail geneticists and the other five agree") to Britain, America the Middle East and Africa. The notion was to find the Lost Tribes of Israel and the conclusion is that those tribes are not so much lost as distributed among all of us.

Among those claiming direct descent from the Tribes are the Samaritans of the West Bank and the Lemba of Zimbabwe and South Africa. Both have sufficient of the relevant Y chromosomes to justify their claim, but that is not

quite how genealogy works.
Thus, a "Lost Tribe" is unlikely to be a group of people who have

restarted their generational develupment sumewhere else. The Lemba, for example, probably acquired their genealogical link to the Tribes through the arrival of Semite traders in Africa.

So Jones and his pieces of tracing paper containing the ar-cane symbols that are DNA demonstrate that the further back you go the more evidence there is of the human race as a single family: "Half the population of the UK is related to William the Conqueror and almost everyone to the Emper-

h yes: and 100,000 of us are related to Major and Thatcher, What makes the Crusts special is that they will go on television and admit it.

skills. Arnold was profiled in an

that make her photography great were illustrated here with gimmicky, staccato filming and irritat-If all of that means that I may be related to Eve Arnold then hasten the day when my genes unlock her

Onnibus film by Beeban Kidron for BBCI. Kidron is a skilled filmmaker but I wish this exercise had taken more tips from Arnold

Peter

Barnard

ing cross-cuts. A small, white-haired woman, Arnold has taken pictures all over the world of people who are all

herself: the simple, stark processes

famous for penetrating the veil of showbusiness to bring us honest images of Mariene Dietrich, Joan Crawford and, especially, Marilyn Monroe.

Pre-Arnold, stills to publicise films had been mere cheesecake or frames from the films themselves. Her pictures sent producers into a panic, until they saw the amount of publicity that resulted from photographs of stars putting on their clothes or their make-up.

Arnold knows herself and knows the difference between great photography and most photography: The difference between a fine photographer and an average one is that you have the wit to take advantage of the accident, whatever's going on."

The football season is now over, relief all round. Over, that, is except for the Endsleigh League play-offs this week, an England match on Saturday and the European championship in England next month. No, the football season is never over.

ust in case the gap of a few hours between games should lead to withdrawal symptoms, Fair Game (Channel 4) returned for a new series and focused on the plight of young footballers. This is a real issue, swept under the carpet by the football authorities, and Greg Dyke's programme crystallised it.

Players aged six and upwards are being targeted by top clubs and, in spite of FA rules, there is evidence that schoolboys signed by small clubs are being poached by big ones. The cameras filmed one putative star, signed to Leyton Orient, taking part in a training session with Chelsea, though Chelsea claimed not to know about the Orient connection.

Eight-year-olds now have agents. We saw one in conversation with the ubiquitous Eric Hall, whose dictionary of adjectives consists of the single word "monster". Hall's cigars are certainly monster: they are considerably larger than some of his clients.

The small clubs to which these little chaps are signed are turning into nurseries for the giants in more ways than one. A player cannot be signed on professional forms until he is 17; therefore impoverished clubs can spend years numuring talent, only to have it snatched away just before a contract is produced.

One is left to wonder about the fathers, some of whom tout their progeny in the same way that some mothers tout girls around baby shows. It is demeaning and worrying. Yet on Saturday Manchester United won the FA Cup with five players who joined the club as boys. Dreams do come true and dreams propel the human

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (83714) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceetax) (14085) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (4424443)

9.20 Style Coursel (s) (7537004) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (6861646) 10.30 Good Morning (s) (97849) 12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1847714) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (s) (5089646) 12.35 Going for Gold (a) (4579066)

1,00 News (Ceelax); and weather (17172) 1,30 Regional News and weather (62759240) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (69287153)

2.00 FILM: Shimmering Light (1978) with Beau Bridges, Lloyd Bridges and Victoria Shaw. American Kevin Pearce goes to Australia to fulfil his passion for surfing: but when his girlinend becomes pregnan and his father becomes terminally ill. Kevin is forced to come to terms with a life that doesn't revolve around the surf. Directed by Don Chaffey (21153)

3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (2506085) 3.50 Monater Cefe (r) (s) (4831379) 4.06 Casper Classics (r) (s) (6508988) 4.10 Dennia the Menace (Ceefax) (s) (5875646) 4.35 Out of Tune (Ceefax) (a) (2895530) 5.00 Newsround (s) (7254462) 5.10 Activ-8 (Ceelax) (s) (5103269)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceelax) (s) (710578) 6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (207) 6.30 Regional News magazines (559)

7.00 200int4 Children. As the neighbours no longer have any peta, surely it is safe for Bill and Ben to look after their house while they are away? (r) (Ceelar) (s) (3761) 7.30 EastEnders. Pat is unnerved when the

police pay her a visit and Peggy's plans for a celebration fall flat (Ceetax) (s) (443) Connect Ormand Street, Caron Curren Is recovering after last week's operation on her cleft palate. Unfortunately the doctors discover the operation has gone wrong. Plus: nine-year-old Grant Robinson, who suffers from the rare Crouzon syndrome, which prevents the face from growing properly, is hoping to change his look (Ceelex) (6511)

8.30 Funny World. Berbara Windsor Introportraying class (Ceetax) (s) (5646) 9,00 News (Ceelax) and weather (6356)

9,30 Men Behaving Badly. In the last of this series Gary is in for a shock when he returns from a weekend away to find his guiltiend, Dorothy, in bed with his best mate, Tony (r) (Ceetax) (s) (22917) WALES: 9.30 Week in Waek Out

10.00 Cardiac Arrest. The doctors disagree over the correct treatment of patients. Claire teases Scissors about Sister Novac (Ceefax) (s) (75511) WALES: 10.00 Men Seheving Badly

10.30 A Knife to the Heart: Welking the Tightrope (Ceefax) (s) (171897) WALES: 10.30 Cardiac Arrest 11.00 A Knile to the Heart 11.50-1.50am FILM: Catch-22

11.25 FILM: Catch-22 (1970) starring Alan Arkin. Wonderful adaptation of Joseph Heller's anti-war novel, set in 1944 on an American Air Force base on a small Mediterranean island Directed by Mike Nichols. (Ceefax) (983288) 1.20am Weather (1760775)

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BBC2

6.00 Open University: Science (7119004) 6.25 The Birth of Modern Geometry (7198511) 6.50 Geology (5121004) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceelax and

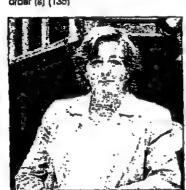
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9.05 Daytime on Two: Islam (4421356) 9.25 Christianity (4434820) 9.45 Watch Chilstanity (4404020) 8.49 Wester (5681801) 10.00 Playdays (2192207) 10.25 Come Outside (2212004) 10.40 Liteschool Extra(8753917) 11.05 Space Ark (3887676) 11.15 Without and Pictures (9378849) 11.30 Ghost-writer (8191) 12.00 See Heeri (72424) 12.30pm Working Lunch (21545) 1.00 Teaching Today (15714) 1.30 Showcase (62757882) 1.40 Hotch Potch House (69285795) 2.00 Oakle Doke (44769337)

2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (8) (7021424) 3.00 News 3.05 Westminster (Ceel (s) (9463849) 3.55 News (6925714) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (172) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (356) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceelax) (s) (4424207)

5.40 The Ladies of the House: Margaret Beckett, MP (232375) 6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (\$) (789269) 6.25 Heartbreek High (Ceelax) (s) (912462) 7.10 The Ren and Stimpy Show (Ceefax) (8)

7.30 The Technophobe's Guide to the Future. In the last of the series Dominik Diamond travels to Belfast to investigate a computer-based educational sys achieving dramatic results. Pauline Quirk discovers how to keep her PC in working



Pet Barker (8.00cm)

The Works: On the Ghost Road (Ceelax) (8) (4153) 8,30 Floyd on Africa. (4/7) The cook continues his tour of southern Africa with visit to the coastal town of Majunga. Madagascar (Ceefax) (s) (3288)

9,00 Murder One: Chapter Eleven. Hotiman and Grasso continue to question prospective jurors (Ceetax) (s) (594191) 9.45 Consumed by Fire. French geologists
Maurice and Katta Krattt travelled the world to witness volcanic eruptions, shooting more than 800 hours of spectacular film lootage But tragedy struck in 1991, when they were engulled by a Japanese volcano (Ceetax) (s)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceetax)(884207) 11.15 Moving Pictures. Film magazine. With

Kurt Russell, John Carpenter and Oliver Stone. (Ceeta.) (9) (469172) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (s) (63825) 12,30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

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The Works: On the Ghost Road

RRC2 Sillonn Pat Barker, Booker Prize winner for her novel of the First World War, joins a coach tour of Britons to the battlefields of the Somme. The trip has the specific purpose of finding the last resting place of an uncle, the wider one of thinking about the psychology of war. Although the site of the battle is now gentle green fields, for Barker the Somme ranks with the Holocaust as the central horror of 20th-century civilisation. She ponders on the confrontation of idealistic young hodies and instruments of mass destruction, and the distillusion which set in Siegfried Sassoon, who mixed bravery in war with the courage to speak against it, is a particular Barker hero. But she also remembers the soldiers who were not famous and who failed to survive.

Without Walls Painted Ladies Channel 4.9.30pm

"I couldn't design a thing," declares Vivienne Westwood, "if I didn't look at art." In this three-part series she lets us in on some of the connections she has made between paintings and sculptures and the clothes that leature in her collections. Her first film is subtitled inobility, virtue and morality" and carries the message that if clothes cannot express our higher aspirations as human beings. they are not doing their job. To illustrate her drapery, and traces its influence through what she calls the timeless state clothing of Louis XIV and into the 19th century. Some may want to dispute Westwood's assertion that changes in fashion are always aesthetic, as if they had nothing to do with material forces. But she promises to be as provocative before the camera as she is on the catwalk.

Knife to the Heart: Walking the Tightrope

As transplant surgery moved into the 1970s its very success started throwing up difficulties. The biggest concern of doctors was that the patient's body would reject the new organ. Transplants could save and prolong life. But what about the quality of that life? The third film of an honest and illuminating series looks at attempts to overcome rejection. The trouble was that the powerful drugs used for the purpose often had intolerable side-effects. In Florida a 15year-old boy begged a court to allow him to die rather than suffer any more pain. A woman who look anti-rejection drugs after a liver transplant became violent, even to her baby. The case of Laura Davies, the little girl was flown to the United States for transplant operations, raises the question of whether doctors, egged on by the media, are prolonging life unnecessarily.

Network First: Inside Burma - Land of

ITV. 10.40pm

John Pilger's relendess exposure of human atrocity lakes him to Asia but, as usual, his villains also come from the capitalist West. Burma offers rich material for Pilgerian condemnation. For more than 30 years a repressive military dictatorship has stamped out democracy, tortured and imprisoned its opponents and employed child and slave labour as a matter of routine. That is Pilger's case, and he offers the evidence to back it. Much of the filming had to be done secretly, including an internet with Arms San Sun Much of the filming had to be done secrety, including an interview with Aung San Suu Kyi, the house-arrested leader of Burmese democracy. Her hope and belief is that the will of the people will one day prevail. Meanwhile Pilger vents his anger more or less equally on a brutal regime and on Western companies which are helping to sustain it.

Peter Waymark

HTV

5.00mm GMTV (\$482268) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (7512795) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (2179356)

10.00 The Time . . , the Place (s) (6414733) 10.35 This Morning (50846627) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1843998) 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (4598191)

12,55 Shortland Street (s) (4573682) 1.25 High Road (Teletext) (1899733) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s)

(19764559) 2.25 Murder, She Wrote. Starting Angels Lansbury (r) (7037085)

3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (7881530) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7880801)

3.30 The Magic House (r) (s) (4631171) 3.40 Tots TV (r) (s) (1228882) 3.50 Sooty and Co (r) (s) (2502289) 4.15 Animaniaes (Teletext) (s) (5869085) 4.40 Chris Cross (r) (Teletext) (s) (2278846) 5.10 Forgotten Ports. Sir Robin Knox-Johnston continues his cruise up the Bristol Channel accompanied by 'Spud'

Spedding (9756443) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (229801) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s)

6.25 HTV News (260511) 7.00 Emmerdale. The media witness a miracle (Teleted) (s) (2559)

7.30 West Eye Velw. Current affairs (Teletext) 8.00 The Bill: Tough Love. When a bully gets his comeuppance, Hollis and Garrield

have to collar the culprit (Teletext) (1207) 8.30 The Cook Report. An expose of a trade in inlants from Third World villages to Britain (s) (8694)

9.00 Frontiers. After a senes of slick and successful robbenes, a member of the gang gets trigger-happy and shoots an innocent bystander. (Teletext) (s) (9795) 10.00 News and weather (Telelext) (67397) 10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (436581)



Aung Sen Suu Kyi (10.40pm)

10.40 Network First Inside Burna, Land of Feer.

(Teletext) (289220) 11.40 Max Monroe: Loose Cannon (827172) 12.40 FILM: Steelyard Blues (1973) starring Donald Sutherland, Jane Fonda and Peter Boyle, Comedy about a motley crew who restore a Second World War bomber with the idea of flying away from it all. But when they run out of money they Directed by Alan Myerson (838270) 2.25 Late & Loud (e) (7610283)

3.20 The Chart Show (r) (s) (2104641) 4.10 Murder, She Wrote (r) (2399573) 5.00 the LADS (s) (73399) 5.30 Morning News (51080)

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CHANNEL 4

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7.55 Get Netted (r) (Teletext) (s) (302714) 8,00 Classic Trucks. A look at the lifesavers of the commercial vehicle world, from the "make do" fire trucks of wer-tom Britain, to the state-of-the-art airport tenders that

wage chemical warfare on fire. Narrated by John Pael (r) (Teletaxt) (s) (9849) 8.30 Brookside. Lindsey goes looking for Gary, while Sammy goes looking for work (Teletext) (s) (8356)

9.00 Without Walls: Gore Videl's American Presidency — Twilight. The veteran President-watcher concludes his examcasting a tormidable analytical eye over the period from the Cold War to the Gulf War (Teletext) (9066)



Vivienne Westwood (9.30pm)

Without Walls: Painted Ladies — Nobility, Virtue, Morality (Teletext) (15827)

10.00 The Boys of St Vincent. (1/2) Awardwinning Canadian drama. A powerful expose of the saxual abuse suffered by children at a church-run orphanage and its aftermath years later when those responsible were brought to trial With Henry Czerny, Brian Dooley and Brian Dodd (1) (Telelext) (712627)

11.45 Big Mouth, Tony Persons with more opmionated comment (913608) 12.50am World League Football (2401979)

1.25 FILM: Man's Castle (1933, b/w) starting Spencer Tracy as a man who commits a robbery in order to support his pregnant wife. With Loretta Young, Glenda I and Walter Connolly Directed by Frank Borzage (8816844). Ends at 2.35

4.00 Schools: The English Programme (2306863). Ends at 4.50

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7.00pm Alberta Hutter 8.00 Ana 8.30 Napoli 10.15 Opera Stones Otalio 11.15 Guittana 11.45 Aria 12.00-1.00em Joe Williams **TUESDAY MAY 14 1996**

NEIL BACK, the Leicester flanker, completed a miser-able climax to his club's season when he received a sixmonth suspension from the Rugby Football Union (RFU) yesterday for pushing Steve ander, the referee, at the end of the Pilkington Cup final against Bath ten days ago.

However, since the punishment dates from the time of capped five times by England. will miss only two months of the new season. He can resume playing on November 4 but will miss sundry overseas trips during the summer and Leicester's pre-season tour of South Africa.

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For that reason, there will be criticism that the punishment has not been more severe since assault on a match official is the worst crime in rugby's canon, carrying with it the potential for a life ban. On this occasion, however, the RFU panel of Bob Rogers. Peter Trunkfield and Bob Taylor - the latter, like Back,

row forward - has come near the mark with its verdict.

They have taken the circumstances of the match and Back's exemplary record into account, accepted the player's version of events, but balanced that against the damage done to the image of the game as portrayed through the unfor-giving eye of the television camera. Hence the phrasing their judgment, after a 42-hour hearing at which Back and his club were represented, which described his conduct as "prejudicial to the interests of the game".

That is unarguable, which makes it the more disappointing that Leicester have not straightaway panel's decision. "The club and Neil were given every opportunity to put their case at the hearing, which was conducted in a fair manner," a statement said. "We were, however, disappointed at the severity of the sentence, but will defer considering an appeal until the written decision

that fact in jeopardy," Richard Moon, the Rupa secretary, "Obviously the RFU felt that the game had been brought into disrepute and we support this attempt to uphold the good name of rugby. We don't want to go down the road of the other sports where the officials are abused and jostled

"Rugby players will be re-minded by this ban that they

stood to be a five-year contract with Leicester only last week

financial implications with

Peter Wheeler, the club chief

executive. It is likely that he

will not suffer financially.

though he will regret missing a charity tour to the Ivory

Coast later this month, in aid

of the Max Brito fund, and the

possibility of a trip with the

"We have had an awful few

weeks, narrowly missing out

in league and cup," Wheeler said, "but at least Neil knows

that his version of events is

believed by both the club and

the RFU and that he has the

The reaction of the newly-

formed Rugby Union Players

Association (Rupa) was admi-rably succinct. "There has been concern about the atti-

tude of players on the field in

the professional era, but, ama-

teur or pro, the referee's word

is law and nobody should put

Barbarians to Japan.

support of the club."

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are in the shop window and watched by millions of young-

Such is the effect of the globe and replay it time after time. It takes no account of the view at players' eye-level, set against a backdrop of heaving numanity in the crowd, or of the dramatic circumstances of

a cup final lost to a controver-

sial penalty-try decision taken by the referee minutes earlier. As one of the senior clubs courting television money. Leicester will have to live with that image. Sixteen months ago, a junior club player in Devon was banned for life for hitting the referee; Back, who has pleaded that he mistook Lander for Andy Robinson. the Bath flanker, was guilty of

no more than a disappointed

push, but the ill-disciplined impression remains. Back was not available for comment, but Lander, from Liverpool, was satisfied with the verdict. "The principle of not laying hands on the refer ee has been upheld," he said. There has always been a good relationship between players and referees. You can always talk to them afterwards and let's hope that

☐ Francois Pienaar, who was due to lead the Barbarians against Ireland at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, has withdrawn because of injury.



Follett asserts his growing supremacy over the Durham batsmen by removing Campbell's middle stump

Follett able to scale new heights after conquering Lord's slope

BY SIMON WILDE

LORD'S (final day of four): Middlesex (20pts) beat Dur-ham (5) by 306 runs

DAVID FOLLETT, a littleknown member of the Middlesex playing staff, returned the best bowling figures in a match at Lord's for 20 years when he destroyed Durham with a return of eight for 22 wins, Durham being dismissed for just 67, the lowest total of the season and their lowest in five years as a firstdass county.

Follett, 27, playing in only his third first-class match, came on at the Pavilion End to bowl the thirteenth over of the day at 11,48am, Durham having ostensibly begun the task of attempting to score 374 to win. He dismissed Roseberry leg-before with his first hall

and, within 24 hours - which included the 40-minute lunch interval - the match was completed, Follett claiming all his wickets in the course of 74

His second victim was Campbell, Durham's overseas player, who scored 23 and was the only man to reach doublefigures. The West Indies opener was bowled middle stump playing for swing that did not materialise; but Follett did times — movement sometimes exaggerated, of course, by the natural slope of the Lord's ground.

The slope played its part in the dismissals of Hutton, the left-hander, who was caught superbly by Carr at slip, and Collingwood, deceived into padding up and trapped legbefore, in Follett's fifth over. In his seventh, Poster was bowled by a swinging full toss and, in his eighth, Daley was

caught behind from a ball of extra bounce. Durham tottered into lunch

on 49 for seven, when the strippling Follett, sporting figures of six for 16, led his team into the pavilion for the first, but not the last, time. Refreshed, but perhaps distractearlier success, he resumed

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with two lacklustre overs. Scott, often an obdurate customer, then obligingly played a poor shot into the hands of Weekes at first slip and, although Fraser claimed the next wicket, Follett was not to be denied the scalp of Betts, the last man.

Upon that dismissal, Follett stooped and kissed the pitch. as well he might. He took five first-innings wickets in the defeat by Gloucestershire at Lord's earlier this month, but otherwise his greatest claim to fame had been opening the bowling with Dominic Cork for the under-19 team in his native Staffordshire.

Follett came to the attention of several counties after guthering a clutch of wickets for Staffordshire in 1994 and, after he had appeared for three other county's second XIs. Middlesex offered him terms. His 1995 season was, however, ruined by a serious foot injury and, but for iniuries to senior players, he would not have got his chance

so soon this year. Given the opportunity, he bowled with great accuracy and made good use of an

would be unfair to describe him as the "finished article".

Even he knows that he could have done better. "I did not bowl as well as I can," he said. "My line was pretty good, but my length could have been more consistent." He seemed completely unfazed by turning in the best figures at cricket's headquarters since Paddy Clift, of Leicestershire, who took eight for 17 against MCC

This defeat will be another sobering experience for Durham, who could hardly blame a pitch that exhibited far less variable bounce than on the first day.

They needed somebody to graft their way through the day, but nobody was forthcoming. Morris might have been, but he was adjudged caught at silly point off Tufnell, the only contentious

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THLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN NURSMIERG

COLIN JACKSON is to give up his European 110 metres hurdles title in an attempt to break the oldest British athletics record in sprint hurdles world record-holder, said .re yesterday that he plans to ttack Lynn Davies's British long jump mark, set in

Who will teach him the tricks of his new trade? Lynn has said he will coach me," Jackson said. The record, now 28 years unchallenged, has become an embarrassment to British athletics, but competi-tion to break it will hot up soon. Jonathan Edwards, the triple jump world record-holder, has also said that, at some stage soon, he will attempt to beat Davies's record. A head-to-head on the thirtieth anniversary of the thing that the British Ath-Federation promotions office should start

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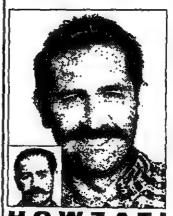
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Both athletes are sponsored by Puma, which has provided a financial incentive in each man's contract to break the British record. Edwards has until 1998 to beat Jackson to it. That is European championships year, when he intends to concentrate on the long jump "to the exclusion of the hurdles". Jackson has been European hurdles

champion since 1990. He was an outstanding teenage long-jumper, recording 7.96 metres windassisted and 7.68 metres legally. Davies's record is

"It is really going to be down to him [Davies] to me," Jackson said. "He keeps showing me how far it is, but he always tells me I can do it." Both men come from Cardiff.

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Follett, left, is congratulated by Gatting. his captain

Harding's bridges burnt by Bates

of information on who controls Chelsea

Village, the club's parent company.

Without that information. Harding's

advisers told him that further investment

Bates said yesterday that another

wealthy investor keen to help Ruud

Gullit, the new Chelsea player-manager, to strengthen his squad had contacted him. Bates said of Harding: "It was put

up or shut up time. He played a game of politics that backfired on him." Bates said

that Gullit's reported £1.2 million-a-year

Collymore ruled out

Francis returns

in the club would not be advisable.

THE power struggle at Stamford Bridge between Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, and Matthew Harding, one of the club's leading directors, is seemingly over. With the uneasy truce of the past months ended by a Stock Exchange announcement yesterday, the clear indication was that Bates had gained the upper hand.

The price of success for Bates is, effectively, £10 million. The statement yesterday declared that the agreement between the two protagonists for Harding to invest such a sum in the club, in return for greater influence at Chelsea and the title of vice-chairman, had been scrapped. Harding remains a Chelsea director and 55 million of his existing loan stock in the club was converted yesterday into 14 million ordinary shares. This leaves Harding, a reinsurance businessman, as the third-largest shareholder with a holding of 12 per cent.

Relations between Bates and Harding

have deteriorated during the past year.

reaching almost comic proportions when

Bates banned Harding from the directors'

box last November. Their subsequent

pact was, it transpires, built on shaky

foundations. The main sticking-point,

affected by the announcement.

salary is funded by profits generated by club turnover and not by Harding. "Mr Harding created a great mystique," Bates The value of the club's shares was not

Harding's wealth is estimated at £64 million. He bought the freehold of Stamford Bridge for £16.5 million from under the nose of Bates after the latter had negotiated a short-term lease for the ground. The club now pays rent of £250,000 a year to Harding. In theory. Harding could wield some power by calling in the E5 million that he lent the club for transfer fees, but Bates said that the club could withstand such action by selling players.

as player-manager, but he appeared unconcerned by developments yesterday. He said: "I have my transfer budget and this will not affect it. It is nothing to do with the team or the players, it is to do with the club. All I'm interested in is that this thing is resolved as quickly as possible for the benefit of Chelsea." Gullit would like to attract other high-

profile international players, such as Gianluca Vialli, the Juventus forward, to Cheisea, but their wages would be high and Gullit will need reassurances from Colin Hutchinson, the Chelsea managing director, that funds will be available. One effect of Harding's involvement in

the past year has been to throw the spotlight on Chelsea Village and what impact its development plans will have on the football club, which is one of six operating subsidiaries. Bates controls 30.3 million of the Chelsea Village shares, but the bulk of the remaining 89 million shares are held by overseas investors, the identity of whom Bates has withheld. ☐ Middlesbrough are today expected to

announce the signing of Emerson, the PC Porto midfield player, for about £4 million. He would follow Juninho and Branco as the latest Brazilian to move to the Riverside Stadium.

decision of the day. "IT IS TRUE!" I've had

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Have you got it insured?

housands queue at the Antiques Roadshow only to be told that their 'treasures' are junk, says Giles Coren

WHERE once they would have gathered in the faint hope of loaves and fish, an assembly of 5,000 in the late 1990s is after richer pickings. The discovery of undreamt-of wealth is top of the list, along with the chance to appear, however fleetingly, on a BBC television show and to shake hands with Hugh Scully.

These are the disciples of the Antiques Roadshow, come to touch the coat-tails of their masters at the Royal Naval Museum in Portsmouth, where the second episode in the new series is being filmed. The horde plods in deferential semi-silence around an imaginary maze like pre-democracy Russians in a bread queue and with as much chance of hearing good news at the end.

The Roadshow is a broadcasting enigma. While viewing figures in general have been declining in the face of the cable and satellite challenge, the Roadshow has just finished its most successful series ever, reaching more than 14 million viewers.

"I have often described it as a conversation between two people with 13 million eavesdroppers," says Hugh Scully, nursing a large Glenmorangie in a Portsmouth hotel the night before filming. "It is a people show. Their humour and their personality make it work. The antiques are ancillary. It is the quintessential BBC programme, fulfilling the Reithian ideal of education, information and entertainment in equal measures."

A more cynical viewpoint might see the show as the thinking person's The Price Is Right. Show the object, allow time for its value to be guessed and then reveal the truth - to the joy or despair of the contestant. Revelations of huge worth satisfy the lottery factor — fifteen THOUSAND unasi — ana me exposing oi fakes or reproductions lets us revel in Schadenfreude.

We all love to hear the little old man, who is told his rocking chair is worth ten grand, say: "I'd never sell it. It was my father's," and cry "Rubbish!" at the screen. And we love to see people's eyes pop out of their heads at the money despite all their attempts at decorum and protes-

tations that "I had no idea". But that does not adequately explain why 5,000 people snaked around the forecourt







Jason Smith, above, arrives at the Roadshow with his grandmother's painting of The Needles — to be told it is "useful for decoration". Others queue for up to five hours

of the Royal Naval Museum at nine o'clock on a Thursday morning in drizzling rain. carrying plastic bags full of chipped crockery and Ikea

The majority are old women, and the items most in evidence are folding chairs, fashioned in aluminium at the turn of the decade, most of them supporting elderly bottoms, and not for sale at

The odd sore thumb sticks out. Jason Smith is 26 and wears khaki combat trousers, army boots, crew-cut hair and rings through his ears and nose, "My mum and dad are at work but I'm unemployed, so I've come down with the family treasures. I've got a one-inch pistol, a 70-year-old doll and a painting of boats on The Needles which belonged to my grandmother. She died in October and I always

promised her I'd take it to the Roadshow if it ever came to Portsmouth. I wouldn't sell it because I was close to my nan. But if it was worth as much as. like, a National Lonery rollover, then I'd have to think about it."

Dave Aldred, a pensioner who has been queueing since 7am, is equally adamant that he won't sell his pigeon-timer. and an elderly man who has been there since 5am claims he will cling on to his wooden cup

in the hall itself there is orderly bustle. There is no breaking of ranks, for places in the queue are too precious. And the junk on show is extraordinary. For every object that makes it on to a recorded programme there are perhaps a thousand that are passed over. The queues file up to their chosen expert you can tell the experts because they wear either a bow-tie or facial hair - and

after four or five hours' queueing each person gets about a minute. There is seldom the preamble you see on television - just a couple of questions: How long have they had it? Do they like it? Followed by an estimate of date, place of manufacture and value.

The more popular the expert, the briefer the audience. At David Battie's table it goes like this: "NEXT! Right, late 10th century, mass produced I'm afraid, not really worth much, thank you. NEXT! Yes, both of you, one on either side. Factory stuff again, 1920s, very nice though, wouldn't fetch anything at auction."

Eventually, of course, something good comes up. Then the expert dashes off with it to find the producer. The cameras roll in and the full monty is provided. The owner is not told anything in the meanwhile. Onlooking eyes glaze over while the history of the thing is explored and then

light up again when we get to the "How much did you pay for it?" bit. Salivating begins at the Tell me, have you got it insured?" and by the time he is into the sentence that begins: It is all about finding the right buyer, but at auction . . . they are hopping up and down. And then he says: "Three thou ..." and the

crowd has dispersed before the word is finished. performance is over.

For most, however, the cameras do not come. And, like good British subjects, the disappointed punters take it on the chin. Jason Smith is exemplary. Still 45 minutes from the front of the queue, he is sanguine: "I'll only mind if it turns out to be a dud."

Tîm Wonnacot, meanwhile, who presides over the miscellaneous table, is shown a pile of old records, a Soot puppet with no fur, a Vitalite and came back without his bloody worthless."

tub full of plastic chess pieces, a game of Bezique, a plastic doll -- "ideally, dolls should have a porcelain head," he says politely, "and date before this century" - and heaps of

teddy bears.
Jane Bleen, who has brought "everything I own because I need the money", shows him a "jim-jam case in the shape of a teddy that went to the cleaners during the war

growl". Her husband has a broken cow creamer (£30) and a toy carpenter's set. A man with a sauce boat, missing its saucer, is advised to take it home and put gravy in it.

Bizarre snippets of know-ledge waft in the air — "A brooch probably torn off a kimono" ... "This is a stan-dard bottle, not strictly collectible" ... "Your old Bible from school? What happened to the cover?". And every now and then: "Jug, 1930s, E5." "Most of the stuff has no

financial value," says jewellery man John Benjamin, "but I can get interested in anything. The important thing is to be nice to the bringers, and let them down gently."

The repertoire of euphe-

misms is impressive thing of purpose" ... "a col-lectible of the future". One man who hopes he has an early example of a Japanese cine camera is told: Not an early example as such, but certainly an example.

ter Nahum, the iconoclastic picture man, is passed a G.F. Wans by a co-expert. unsure of whether it is an original, and drops the euphemism of the afternoon. He holds the picture to the light for a couple of seconds, turns to the owner and says: "Almost unique."

"It is a very personal thing, having your treasures judged in public," says Mr Scully. "Sometimes they do not re-spond well. One woman on the Isle of Wight thought she had a Constable. When the expert said it was a copy, she just wouldn't believe him, and after 20 minutes' arguing stalked off. But you can understand it. For 20 years she had been showing people into the drawingroom and saying 'Here is the Constable.' Then it is exposed as a copy in front of 13 million people.

Just then I spotted Jason Smith again, peeling away from Peter Nahum's table. It was 3pm, more than five hours since I had first seen him in the queue. His was not a Constable either.

"Five hours and he says 'useful for decoration'. You have to laugh." He does, "He said it was a chromolithograph, a sort of photocopy they used to do 100 years ago, of a painting by an unknown artist.

Set snobs alight



SIGN OF THE TIMES

by Guy Walters

their visits to expensive restaurants or exotic lands. Conversations that begin, "When I was in Rio or, "That reminds me of something we were talking about at Le Caprice...", are regularly issued by destination snobs. But many of these vulgarians are opting for a more subtle means of revealing their globe trotting and capa-

VULGAR are those who tell of

the humble matchbox. Even for non-smokers. matchboxes bearing the name of some suitably pukka restaurant or hotel are an ideal form of non-verbal indication of superior lifestyle. The appeal of these grand-looking parcels

cious stomachs. Their tool is

of ferrophosphorus-dipped splinters is impossible to underestimate. Witness the Halifax's latest poster campaign. Above the words, "There's more to life than a mortgage". the advertisement shows a battery of matchboxes from places such as Cliveden, L'Escargot and Mezzo. With barely any intrinsic worth, the matchbox is a priceless symbol of a vast disposable ina Tante Claire matchbox is unlikely to drive a secondhand Ford Escort.

Yet this allumette-posturing is still vulgar. The whole point of using them is for others to notice. After all, they are to restaurants and hotels what carrier bags are to shops; cheap, portable advertise-ments that make the bearer as much a commercial pawn as the bygone sandwich board

The ultimate in matchbox snobbery is the basket or bowl which acts as a receptacle for countless examples. This can usually be found in the drawing-room. It screams "We've been everywhere!"

The appeal of the "destination matchbox" is unlikely to die out. Perhaps the only way to counter it is to refuse a light from someone who has one. Alternatively, why not produce a box of Bryant & May matches and say, "Oh look! These came from High Wycombe! You mean you've never



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Is France leaving us behind?

Anatole Kaletsky says growth

can be achieved the French way

hen President Chirac arrives in London this morning, he will have to face something more daunting than a plate of roast beef. He will be made to confront his country's economic failure — its 12 per cent unemployment and its inability to compete in the world. He will be told there is no such thing as "a European third way" between Anglo-Saxon capitalism and socialist central planning. He will hear from John Major himself that scepticism about a single currency is motivated by plain British common sense our economic approach happens to work, while Eu-

But Mr Major should watch out. The French President might meet all this condescension with a simple question: "What exactly does Britain have to crow about?"

France, after all, overtook Britain some 30 years ago to become the world's fourth largest economy. And it is not just a matter of statistics. By most measures of the quality of life - from income per head to gastronomy or the preservation of rural traditions — the French are doing better. They have excellent public and pri-

vate transport, a lavishly generous health service, and schools that put ours to shame. They even own 70 per cent of the Channel

been turned. With

have won their long Yes, say the Eurobattle sceptics, but all that is history. Since with the the Thatcher revolu-Bundesbank tion, the tables have

The French

seem to

our flexible mar-kets, low taxes and dynamic were wrong or that the French entrepreneurs, we are catching up. We will soon overtake France, along with the rest of scierotic Europe. This is a fine argument but for a small problem: it is not true.

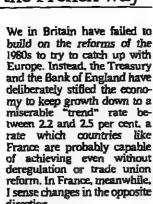
Some indicators, including the oft-quoted rate of unemoing better than France, but in terms of long-term growth and job creation, there has been no improvement in Britain's relative position since 1979. In fact between 1979 and 1995, Britain had exactly the same average growth rate of 1.9 per cent, and the same pattry rate of job creation, 0.17

Even on unemployment, Britain has a dubious record. Male unemployment is actually higher in Britain, even after three years of recovery, than it is in France in the depth of recession: 11 per cent against 10.8 per cent.

per cent a vear.

Britain's jobless figures are flattered by remarkably low female unemployment: 4.3 per cent in Britain against 14.9 per cent in France, Women are, of course, as entitled to jobs as men. But should we be so very proud of a society in which families cannot support themselves unless mothers take low-paid, part-time jobs of the kind which many French

women seem to reject? But what about the prospect? Looking ahead, surely things in Britain are getting better while France is going from bad to worse? I myself used to believe this. But recently two things have changed.



The French seem to have won their long battle with the Bundesbank. It now looks as if the single currency will be created on French terms with the Maastricht targets softened, and European currencies devalued against the dollar and yen. If you believe, as I do, that the main cause of France's unemployment was never economic "rigidity", but the French elite's obsession with apeing German monetary policy, this is an immensely important

From next year onwards, low interest rates and a weak-er franc could allow France to grow considerably faster than Britain's self-imposed speed limit of 2.5 per cent. And faster

growth would pro-duce a surge of job creation, as it did from 1986 to 1989. If. in the meantime, Britain sticks to defeatist caution, the gap that separates us from France, far from narrowing. will again start to If this happens, it

will not prove that

are better off with a highly regulated economy. It will prove only that markets can work in societies of all kinds. Just as the human race can prosper in all kinds of climates as long as it has the basic requirements of food, water and fuel, so the market system is adaptable enough to function under a wide variety of tax, regulatory and political regimes - provided it gets the oxygen of demand.

The question now is which country will be more willing to supply that oxygen. If we in Britain really believe that our economic structures are stronger than Europe's, we should be confident enough to run our economy at a much higher growthrate than Germany or France. Yet all British politicians are united in thinking that rapid growth would lead straight to inflationary disaster.

Britain once might have proved that Thatcherite market economics really would produce a "tiger economy" with rapid rates of growth. But John Major threw away that chance, first as Chancellor in 1989, and then as Prime Minister in the years after Black Wednesday. Now, with the Bundesbank's grip slipping, the Europeans may have a chance to try out their "third way" in earnest, and so see if it can produce faster growth and more jobs. There is no reason, apart from xenophobia, to assume they



s you read this, all being well, I shall be on the sea

has grown visibly more moribund

and polluted in the past two decades.

The effects of modern industrial

overfishing are clear: fewer fish mean

It is not just a matter of the obvious

edible fish, the ones over which our

fishermen and Europe's quarrel so

vocally. The big white fish are

theoretically protected by interna-

tional legislation — but the craziness

of EU quotas is that they can only

police the landing, not the fishing, so the prime effect of all this fuss is to

make fishermen dump the smaller

fish back into the sea, dead, doing

nobody any good at all. That is bad enough, but all the time an even

greater enemy of sea life flourishes

totally unrestricted: the industrial

fisheries in which extremely fine nets

and seabed scoops are used to take

At least, the sprats and sand-eels

and pout may be low-value to us, but

they are invaluable to bigger fish, such as cod and haddock, for which

they are the staple food. They are also

life and death to seabirds. These

thousand thousand slimy things be-

neath the slimy sea are the basis of

marine life. Yet, heedless of the effects

which are already evident (fish scare-

ity, frequent crashes in the popula-

tion of UK-nesting birds such as puf-

fins), we efficiently scoop and scrape

them up, year after year, so they can be made into fishmeal and fish oils

for the food industry (have you any

This material also goes into fertilis

ers for intensive crops, and into cheap

protein feed for livestock (which is

why intensively reared chickens have

a fishy aftertaste). This is an enor-

mous, wasteful industry, and one

which environmentalists routinely

soft margarine in your fridge?)

millions of small, "low-value" fish.

fewer birds, seals and dolphins.



Greening of the giants

Multinationals are boycotting industrial fishing — in their own interest

surface, coasting from the southern North Sea down-Channel towards Land's End. In a small boat these days one's mind turns surprisingly often to the seaprotest about. The British Governbed; not for any morbid reason, but ment's panel on sustainable developbecause of a growing unease about ment, chaired by Sir Crispin Tickell. acknowledged the damage done by industrial fishing: even now, Greenwhat is happening down there. You do not need to be a marine scientist to know that something is going wrong. If you sail round Britain, there are points — usually in the North and West, open to the Atlantic — where peace is out there in the North Sea to intercept the sand-eel boats. But the EU, for all its pettifogging fuss about far lesser issues, sets neither quotas the sea looks and smells pleasantly nor minimum mesh sizes for the industrial fisheries.

But all this despoliation happens a long way down and out of sight, and involves nothing furry or appealing: alive, with swooping birds and evidence of fish in careless natural abundance. Equally, there are places where it becomes dead: the North Sea

> once, "The seabed has no vote". Still, something has happened this spring which makes the seabed's disenfranchisement a lot less important Environmental groups such as the World

so as I wrote angrily in the boat's log

Wide Fund for Nature have more or less given up on politicians. While useless governmental agencies shadow-box endlessly about Spanish trawlers, WWF has tly entered into an agreement with Unilever — the world's biggest seafood supplier - to set up the Marine Stewardship Council, an independent body which intends to establish a broad set of principles for sustainable fishing and set standards for individual fisheries". It will

produce a logo, to allow consumers to see what they are buying.
All right, a talking-shop: but stop
yawning in that cynical manner, because there is more. Unilever, a massively rich multinational not famous for its sentimentality, is putting its money where its mouth is. Three weeks ago it pledged that within a year it will completely stop using fish-oil derived from this nonsustainable industrial fishing in European waters, (As for other waters, it is doing rapid research with further boycotts in view.) Unilever is not ing this for mere green credibility the fish-oil it processes does not go into its own brands, such as Bird's

Eye anyway — but because fish is a

large part of its business worldwide,

The company is big and rich; it has no electorate to pander to: it can

afford to take a longer view than either small companies or govern-ments. This view it has taken, and all things considered it would rather face a moderate financial disadvantage now than an ecological disaster in the long run. Its interests coincide with those of the cod and haddock. As users or processors of more than 10 per cent of the world's fish-oil it carries considerable financial clout, and the industry will have to adjust

itself to this action. Unilever is not quite alone. Two days after that announcement, Sainsbury's made another: within a

twelvemonth it will have phased out fish-oil from biscuits, cakes, pastries and margainvolved in new Marine Stewardship Council. Again, other chains will have to take notice, lest a march

be stolen on them; and again, Sainsbury's motive is not piety or PR. Seafood consumption is rising (assisted just now by the prissy public dread "red meat") and the health of nearby fish stocks is of commercial value to supermarketeers on this North Sea island. So it has come about that the environmentalists and their scientists have persuaded these large companies to act more responsibly towards the environment, by appealing to their self-interest.

The principle could extend farther and faster than we think. After a decade in which environmental action the boom and decline of "green" labels - many of them fairly worthless - and politicians making lavish promises at Rio and doing next to nothing, these last years of the cen-tury are giving birth to a new alliance: a type of ruthless, unsentimental large-scale action which entirely bypasses governments. After years of environmentalists and the industrialists, the sandals and the suits, are working things out together without reference to the windy posturing and nervous indecision of elected politicians. If other big companies in Europe follow Unilever and the disgraceful overuse of fish protein in feeds and fertilisers declines simply because the companies fear it running out, there will be nothing what-soever that the EU Governments can

the tumbling Channel waves, I find the idea at times oddly worrying. It brings us a step closer to government by multinational, to the day when our vote is irrelevant to many of the decisions which really matter and the control of capitalism is complete. Environmental pressure groups may soon stop bothering to turn up at Westminster, and do their persuading in boardrooms instead.

At other times the thought is stimulating, and I say to the waves, fine: let suits and sandals reign! One lot have the money and the organisational talent, the other lot have the burning ideals and the vision. Let them sort it out between them. Perhaps there will be other small-scale instances of the same odd alliance. Take the squatters on Guinness's Wandsworth wasteland, who have come down from the Newbury trees with their yurts and dulcimers and determination to bring socialist permaculture to the 13 acres of inner city which the brewers have left derelict for seven years because the planners would not let them build big. Perhaps an accommodation will be reached between squatters and company faster than we think. Guinness might decide that its public relations and real interests lie closer to the intruders than anyone thinks. Already the tents bear cheeky signs saying "Greenness is good for you" So just imagine it: the company might use its clout and corporate lawyers to force through planning per-mission for a model yurt city in Wandsworth surrounded by goats and maize, and act as genial midwives and patrons to the New Jerusalem. Perhaps together, over a dande-lion salad in the board-yurt, they would make a fairer stab at running swath of inner city than, say, Westminster council under Dame Shirley Porter. If I were a politician, I would be dreadfully worried.

her latest venture - playing Sue opposite Rulus Sewell's Jude in

The film has already appalled

many Hardy diehards because of its fresh approach, which takes in some full-frontal nudity from Kate.

And she admits that her parents

may sympathise with the protest-

ers. "I haven't discussed the nudity

with them." she said. "No doubt

And so to Bed

THE LIFE of a journalist is never

casy, but one veteran on the Daily

Mirror is really going through the mill. After a tipple or two

with his chums after work, he tends to fall asleep on the train

home to Harpenden in Hertford-

shire, and wake up at the end of the

One night when he missed his

stop, he reboarded the train in Bed-

ford, fell asleep again and woke up

back in London. Drastic measures

were called for, so he boarded the

train one night in London and

placed a sign around his neck say-

ing "Please wake me up at Harpen-

den". Sadly, he woke up in Bedford

once again to find that someone

line — in Bedlord,

will come as a bit of a shock."

Jude the Obscure.

do to change things back or prop up the industrial fisheries in the myopic way they prop up intensive farming. If that happens, the market will die and the sea will live: all because big commerce wants it to, and can afford to take a long view, and is willing to bully small commerce into line. Mulling over these matters among

they so obviously shared

their autonomy. I told them that I would out this difficult question to a team meeting, hoping to arrive at a favourable collective decision.

I was ill-prepared for the storm. The fraught meeting - which, in a spirit of openness, was filmed - is to be screened on BBCI on Thursday as part of the series Making Babies. I regard the team as an extended family, and we have always taken such decisions together; I found it hard to watch them making a

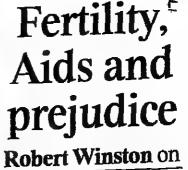
seemingly prejudiced decision. Yes. HIV is a potential death sentence, and yes, the child might die of Aids. However, Sheila has by now been completely well for ten years, and there might be a cure around the corner. We allow many quite ill women, perhaps with renal or liver disease, to go through pregnancy every week. With Caesarean section to limit cross-infection, the baby would. have only a 10 per cent chance of being born infected. Many responsible couples deliberately begin a pregnancy knowing, for example, that they carry a gene for a latal inherited disease which might give rise to infant death within a year or so of birth. It seems to me this is a gamble that they are entitled to take - in the hope of having normal offspring.

onths later, the members of my team had changed VI their views. The chairman of our local ethics committee and various senior obstetricians were unanimously in favour of treatment. Informal discussions with the regulatory body also supported our decision, and treatment was started. Sadly, IVF - paid for with money from a charitable source - failed, but 12 years after first contracting HTV

Sheila remains perfectly well. I am sorry that people can be so critical of a decision carefully taken by a deeply loving couple who have thought things through with great maturity. Some people reported in the press have been very censorious. even though they have never met Alan and Sheila and so certainly cannot judge the case at first hand. After all, if Sheila's tubes had not been blocked, she could have conceived without anybody's help and

patients make good parents - indeed. I am not sure if I am myself. What troubles me most about this arbitrary process - in which we impose our values on others perhaps less articulate or knowledgeable than ourselves - is that we are in a position to do so simply because they suffer from infertility. No other free member of society is vetted before

Professor Lord Winston is the direc-Hammersmith Hospital.



why he gave IVF to

an HIV patient

Some time ago I read a rather silly article in a Sunday newspaper. The director of one of Britain's more fashionable clinics for in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) was quoted as saying "If we think a couple would as saying, "If we think a couple would make perfectly good parents we wouldn't refuse to treat them." This shallow statement sums up much of what is wrong with the way we currently deploy medical resources. It supposes that anybody, lay person or fertility expert, can decide whether or not a couple would make "perfectly good parents" - and on the mere evidence of a news article or a 20-minute consultation in the highly artified environment of an IVF clinic.

At 19. Sheila was on heroin, and was heavily influenced by a boy-friend who infected her with the human immuno-deficiency virus (HIV). Eight years later, long after kicking her drug habit, and now hap-pily married to Alan, she found she was infertile. She went to her local teaching hospital for fertility treat-ment. They found that her tubes were blocked, and, during routine screen-ing, that she was HIV-positive.

Since then, she and Alan have practised protected sex, to avoid his getting the virus. The teaching hospital, which had initially been keen to offer her infertility treatment, became uncommunicative. The doctors recommended IVF treatment, but refused to give this themselves because Sheila might develop Aids. Ten years had now passed since she was first infected and gave up drugs. Her GP referred her to me, and I saw her very reluctantly, because I was aware that I would be faced with an immensely

t first, I was convinced that I A would not offer her IVF, and told her this firmly. I was concerned that any baby might be infected with the virus and die shortly after birth. Discussion with Alan and Sheila was remarkably easy and without embarrassment, because they were quite open and because they had obviously thought extremely carefully about the decision they were taking. During our second protracted consultation, I found myself being increasingly impressed by them, and by the loving relationship

At our fourth meeting together, I became convinced that treatment would be reasonable. I was also aware that I had a duty to respect could not promise treatment, because this, it seemed to me, was a matter for my entire team. I told them that I

without anybody interfering with her considered opinion.

I have no idea whether any of my trying for a baby.

tor of Britain's largest IVF clinic, at

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SAS operations by former memhers of the special forces, a female soldier in army intelligence-gathering and surveillance work has sold

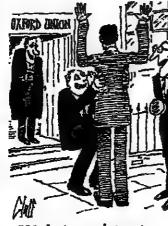
HarperCollins is said to have paid nearly £200,000 for the book. which has a working title One-up and will be written under a penname, Sarah Ford.

The publisher refuses to comment on its acquisition; but "Ms Ford" worked under "deep cover" in Northern Ireland for many years in an SAS-style role for one of the Army's secret intelligence units. "The Defence Ministry has been getting excited about SAS men writing their memoirs, but this will make the SAS books look like chicken-feed," said one literary

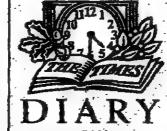
Defence chiefs are indeed tugging nervously at their medals. Less than a fortnight ago, the Ministry of Defence warned of legal action to prevent the publication of sensitive material about Britain's Armed Forces. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, was on the attack: "It is important that methods and approaches used should remain secret, otherwise

out in danger and terrorists and others could have advantages they should not have." By the sound of capable of looking after herself.

 One omission from yesterday's list of finalists for Time Out's Best Pizza Award was Covens Garden's Caffe Piazza. Two wecks after be-



"It's just a quaint custom. Mr Simpson. We fleece all



ing shortlisted, the restaurant was bulldozed as part of the Royal Opera House's extension plans. "It ation the place had ever won," said a disappointed regular.

Prague fling

SUNDAY in Prague. Peter Mandelson, Labour MP for Hartlepool. has lunch with Baroness Thatcher. When it comes to meetings, this one is up there with Stanley and Livingstone, Achilles and Priam. Mandelson, the schemer behind Tony Blair's leadership, joined the former Prime Minister at the British Ambassador's residence, where she was staying. Both had attended the launch of the New Atlantic Initiative on Friday and Saturday, As I reported yesterday. Mandelson

applauded the speech from Lady T.

Mandelson now ranks alongside Thatcher herself in the demonology of the traditional Left, for his rank opportunism and ideological flexibility. His feud with the Shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown, is just one indication of the sort of resentment he incurs. Paul Johnson and the Lords

Beloff and Chalfont also attended the luncbeon. But sadly missing was Mandelson's newfound friend Lady Powell, wife of Lady Thatcher's former adviser, Sir Charles

Savile service

EXPECT some chest-beating from the old guard at the AGM of the Savile Club next week. A fiery resolution allowing lady guests into the inner sanctum has been proposed

for the gentlemen's club. Members shall be at liberty to introduce female strangers to The Sandpit over the luncheon period and to luncheon in the ballroom or the Robert Louis Stevenson room," runs a suggested ammendment to

the rules. The Sandpit, so called because of its yellow walls, is where the gents retire after luncheon to warm their brandies by the open fire and compare varieose veins. "It's the thin end of the wedge," growled one

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Kate shock in store

creeping prospect of lady members that he downed his gin-and-tonic in one draft - lemon and all.

Show off

AT THE Cannes Film Festival, where film-makers are falling over themselves to put Hardy's novels onto the big screen, the cornely Kate Winslet has been talking of

had written "Tee hee" on his sign. P·H·S THE TIMES TU

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PROPHETS OF PRAGUE

The right questions, if not all the right answers

The "Atlantic Initiative" was launched at Prague last weekend, with the grand goal of reuniting the European and American branches of the "family of Western civilisation". Many of those involved, including Baroness Thatcher, George Shultz, Helmut Schmidt and leaders of today's Central European democracies, are children of the Cold War. whose steadiness then has earned them the right to an attentive audience. Their worries are those that ought keep the lights of every Western chancellery burning late.

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They accuse "shortsightedness and the failure of statesmanship" of eroding transatlantic political, economic and security links and creating an anti-Western backlash in Central Europe as its concerns are ignored. The evidence is not far to seek. The rifts over Bosnia have barely been papered over, show signs of breaking out again and have generated such ill-temper that Nato's strategic planning for Europe's future is taking second place to piecemeal repair efforts. There is unprecedented vagueness about the depth of America's commitment to European security, and about the strength of Nato's security guarantees to its existing members. Those knocking at the gate have greater cause for doubt.

In Western Europe, the essentially pol-itical task of embracing ex-communist democracies has been relinquished to accountants and EU bureaucrats. Almost unnoticed by most Americans, who see European integration as a "good thing" but have little notion of what it means, divisive arguments about monetary union and the revision of Maastricht have again drawn the EU in on itself. The Central Europeans, faced by demands from Brussels for radical changes in their legal and economic systems without any firm date for EU membership as reward, scent bad faith. Haunted by the perils of the post-Habsburg vacuum, they increasingly insist on Nato membership in order to harness America's interest in their successful reintegration with the West.

Nato has promised a reply in December. The case for enlargement is one of principle: that independent nations have the right to choose their own foreign and defence polic-

ies, and allies. The case against is that Europe will not be secure unless Russia is stable and contented within a territory smaller than that which it has ruled for 400 years, with "soft" rather than strategic frontiers. The hard fact is that Russians of all persuasions, democrats as well as nationalists, would see the expansion of Nato to the threshold of the former Soviet Union as a humiliation. The liberals' case for engagement with Western democracy would be undercut if nationalists took this new "threat" to justify severing partnership with the

The West knows this perfectly well, which is why the decision has been deferred until after next month's Russian presidential election. Publicly, Western governments maintain that enlargement is compatible with a well-managed security relationship with Russia - and that it will not replace the political fault-lines of Yalta with new ones further east. Privately, many diplomats and military commanders believe nothing of the kind; but they argue that to retreat now would compound the original error by implying acceptance of a Russian veto.

Enlargement must meet two conditions. It must enhance European security, which it will not do if the countries most vulnerable to Russian irredentism - Ukraine and the Baltic states - are denied an umbrella granted to nations whose fears are less grounded in present danger. It must preserve the full weight of Nato's credibility as a deterrent alliance: which means certainty that attack on any member would provoke a US response. The worst of all worlds would be for Nato to sleepwalk into enlargement without positive answers to both these questions. The rising exasperation with the West in Europe's new democracies aids the return of communists, some less reformed than others. The Prague congress did well to focus on this neglected peril. But it is rapid expansion of the EU, not of Nato. that would inexorably link them to the West - and without strategic risk. America needs to pay more attention to the EU debate: EU governments should be ashamed to leave accountants to fill the vacuum of leadership.

CLOWN AND BROKE

Economics and the Treasury dominate politics

The position of Chancellor is not a popular one. Nor does it seem that the Shadow role brings much more in the way of plaudits. Kenneth Clarke and Gordon Brown have both suffered a barrage of criticism from their respective parties as the force of economic orthodoxy has pushed the policies of the two together. The Chancellor is under fire from his Right for refusing to pledge tax cuts. His Shadow faces equally fierce attack led by the Left for failing to promise tax increases. Both hanker openly after a single currency — infuriating colleagues.

The heresy has been compounded by the rhetoric of the two. A Tory occupant of No 11 stresses the importance of "quality public expenditure" - a contradiction to many true Thatcherites. Meanwhile, the man who would benefit from the removal van after the election espouses the virtues of a "dynamic enterprise economy" - utter treason in the eyes of solid socialists.

This convergence in both substance and speech reflects the dominance of economics over public policy and the commanding role of the Treasury in Whitehall. When politics and ideology must be excluded from all fiscal questions, financial numbers and tedious practicality reign in their place. Low inflation and small borrowing will be the watchword regardless. This may have almost always been true for those in Government: when aspirants in Opposition must apparently follow the same course, this represents

the final triumph of the Exchequer. Despite periodic attempts by Margaret Thatcher to curtail its strength, the Treasury has rebounded in the 1990s. Michael Heseltine could not prevent the concomitant weakening of the DTI. The ceaseless quest to exercise some control over the monster that is public spending forces politicians of all hues to conform to this institution.

Even the policy disaster of ERM membership could not dent the stranglehold. Public attention has focused on the fact that the Bank of England is more explicitly involved in interest rate questions since sterling's exit. It has been quietly forgotten that the Prime Minister is now excluded from them. This outcome - call it Lawson's revenge - has caused smug satisfaction in certain corridors of power. The ever greater centralisation of power over the last two decades, which Simon Jenkins has lamented so eloquently in words here and elsewhere. is unlikely to be reversed at the ballot box.

The gnomes of Great George Street have little to fear from a new Government, then. Gordon Brown has already shown promising parsimony. He can be tutored as a suitable heir to that great socialist dynasty of tight-fisted Chancellors, Philip Snowden, Sir Stafford Cripps and Denis Healey, new Labour has shown no enthusiasm for such schemes-gone-by as the Department for Economic Affairs. A mere "super-Treasury" is planned, capable of "strategic planning" for Whitehall and beyond. Mr Brown and his officials should get on splendidly.

None of this is particularly novel, of course. In 1954 the fiscal approach of the major parties was so similar that the Economist combined Rab Butler and Hugh Gaitskell to produce Mr Butskell. In an appropriate reflection of our recent and perhaps future economic fate the same can be done today. For another year at least we will probably have to live with Mr Clown: after that, and appropriately perhaps, Mr Broke.

THE AULD ALLIANCE

Gaels and Gauls have much in common

Few nations are as fickle with their favours as the Scots. Although in a legal Union with the English, the Scots have occasionally found it uncomfortable being in bed with an elephant. As befits a nation where the meanest Mackay is still a blood relative of a nobleman, the Scots have followed the fashion among aristocratic adulterers and taken a French mistress. The Auld Alliance is the Sunday name for the long flirtation between France and Scotland which, like all liaisons dangereuses, has provided the spice to keep the main marriage successful.

The alliance has seldom looked stronger. This Thursday President Chirac promenades through the Glasgow estate of Easterhouse. On Saturday an Argyllshire chanteuse, Karen Matheson, will represent France in the Eurovision Song Contest. The Gallic and Celtic seem as refreshingly mixed as a Bruichladdich with a dash of Badoit.

The origin of the alliance lies in the dark diplomacy of the late Middle Ages when French Kings sought to undermine the English and the Scots strove to keep their independence. The enemy's enemy soon became something more. Dynastic mingling made the French Mary of Guise into Scotland's Queen as wife of Flodden-felled King James V. Her tragic daughter. Mary

Queen of Scots, was, in turn, briefly bride of the Dauphin Francis. Reformation and Revolution subsequently drove a wedge between Catholic, absolutist, ancien regime France and Protestant, Whiggish, commercial Scotland, but the Scots had a care to keep open the lines of communication.

The Scots kept a continental flavour to the most important aspects of life. While the English drank beer, hock or port the Scots kept their taste for decent Bordeaux. During the 18th century more claret was landed at Leith than any other harbour in Britain. The Scots kept French cellars and also built French homes. While the distinctive domestic architecture of the English is the semidetached, the urban Scot shares with the Parisian a tendresse for the tenement.

To many in France English literature has a Scots accent. Romanticism in England is the property of poets such as Shelley, Keats and Wordsworth, but abroad the standardbearers for the sensibility are two Scots. Lord Byron and Sir Walter Scott. Yet the influence of the alliance, while strong, should not be over-stated. Karen Matheson may sing this Saturday in Breton, a sister tongue of Gaelic, but for most Scots songs of Celtic solidarity will remain what they sing at Parkhead when Rangers visit.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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British options in cloud-cuckoo-land

From Sir Leslie Fielding

Sir, I take a less sanguine view than Sir William Nicoll (letter, May 10) of the options available to Britain if it were to secode from the European Union. To be sure, if I were still the official negotiator of trade agreements in Brussels, I would expect to get the Commission and the Council to offer a seceding UK an industrial free trade deal, on the usual EU terms. But would the UK want it?

No coverage for our exports of (nonbeel) agricultural and fish products, confectionery or Scotch whisky: rules of origin problems and possible quantitative restrictions on Japanese Rovers; border taxation and bureaucracy unknown to us inside the Single Market; no free movement of capital or labour or services; no escape from the automatic application of Brussels rules on standards and much else, nor from sectoral or general safeguard clauses against us; no way of attracting (as the Swedes found) significant new foreign direct investment or of retaining what we already have.

Nor would I expect to improve on the above, with the offer of member-ship of the Customs Union or of the European Economic Area. The latter was originally a mere staging post of EFTA countries for whose full membership the EU was not then ready. Today the resting place only of Norway and Iceland, it is not negotiable as the permanent privileged abode of a seceding major EU member state. A fortiori. membership of the Customs Union alone would be seen by our partners as unacceptably one-sid-

manifest solidarity.

Since the UK joined the European
Community in 1973, our continued relative economic and military decline has not passed unnoticed; nor have early continental expectations of British political leadership in Europe been very obviously fulfilled.

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There is no organised ill will towards us. In 1996, however, we find ourselves a smaller fish in a bigger pool, with our options consequently more confined. The Prime Minister is right that we should not now withdraw to cloud-cuckoo-land (report, April 25).

Yours faithfully, LESLIE FIELDING (EU Director General for External Relations, 1982-87), Sutton Court. Stanton Lacy, Ludlow, Shropshire. May 12

Flying the flag

From Professor Maxwell Hutchinson Sir. Our lack of enthusiasm for flying the European flag has more to do with good taste than Euro-scepticism. In my view it is a meaningless, ugly rag. Surely the design talent of united Eurone can do better than a trivial piece of

carnival bunting.

The best buildings in new Europe have been the subject of open competition. So why not let our designers compete and create a flag truly worthy of a flutter?

Yours faithfully MAXWELL HUTCHINSON (President, Royal Institute of British Architects, 1989-91). Connaught House, 80 Wimpole Street, WI.

Dr Carey's lecture

From the Archbishop of Canterbury Sir, I was saddened to read your frontpage headline of May 10, "Carey at-tacks Howard over wild frontier" pol-

My Prison Reform Trust lecture raised serious concerns, properly summarised in your report, about the balance of penal policy. I am sorry that your headline gave the false impression of an intemperate personal attack. In particular, it is wrong to suggest that I accused Michael Howard, whose integrity and ability I deeply respect, of a "policy of re-

Yours etc. TGEORGE CANTUAR. Lambeth Palace, SEL May 13.

Labour and Whitehall

From Mr Derek Foster, MP for Bishop Auckland (Labour)

Sir, Sue Cameron's article, "Mr Blair and the mandarins: Labour won't talk to Whitehall" (May 9), is based on the assumption that members of the Shadow Cabinet are not yet in formal contact with permanent secretaries.

Let me put the record straight. A substantial number of Labour's frontbench are already in formal contact with permanent secretaries, under the rules agreed with the Leader of the Opposition and the Prime Minister, and more will be shortly. The contacts are of course confidential and we do not therefore give them publicity.

DEREK POSTER (Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster). House of Commons. May 9.

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Pitfalls in long-term care reforms

From the Executive Director of ARPOSO

Sir, Few things have demonstrated better the lack of vision among current politicians than the debacle which has developed concerning resi-dential care for elderly people, and Stephen Dorrell's suggestion of private insurance (report, May 8; see also reports, Weekend Money, May II) is, to say the least, optimistic.

The unarticulated but generally ac-

cepted ideal of mutual care has become an important component of our social consciousness over the past fifty years. With all its faults, the concept of the welfare state has replaced patriotism as the focus for national identity and has contributed to the breaking down of historical social divisions.

The outery over payment for residential care in old age is much more than a protest about loss of capital or inheritance, however justified such protest might he. It is far easier to cry out about the size of insurance premiums than to confess to a sense of sorrow and anger at the loss of a social ideal.

Collectivism is expensive but the retreat to individualism and self interest also carries a price. It is not those over the age of 65 - for whom the current debate is largely academic - but gen-erations to follow, who will discover just how high in both economic and social terms that price might be.

Yours faithfully, D. W. STEELE, Executive Director, ARPO50 (Association of Retired Persons Over 50). Greencoat House, Francis Street, SWI.

From Dr Don Taylor

Sir. As a visiting researcher from the University of North Carolina studying the NHS, I was interested to see

I fear this strategy is likely to disappoint, as experience from the US sug-

long-term care expenses.

gests that long-term care is simply not a "commodity" that can be dealt with from a traditional insurance standpoint. My country has a well developed

Stephen Dorrell's proposal to increase

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history of depending on private insurance to cover the risks of just about anything, but it is telling that in my home state of North Carolina only 51,000 of 6.5 million people (less than 1 per cent) have long-term care insur-

This is in spite of over sixty companies that offer such policies in my state and who surely would love to sell more. A state full of irresponsible people? Hardly. Long-term care insurance simply costs too much.

The North Carolina Department of Insurance advises that long-term care insurance is too expensive for those with assets of less than \$100,000 (not including the value of a house). That is just about all of us.

If private insurance companies in the US have not found a way to bring long-term care policies to the market that are actuarially sound and affordable, then I suggest it can't be done. Traditional insurance principles such as insuring your home against fire (a very unlikely event) simply don't ap-

In the absence of a social insurance scheme in the US most have no choice other than to wait and see if their loved ones need long-term care (about one in four of us will); my grandmother does and it costs about \$30,000 per year, paid for by the family, I guess long-term care is our national lottery.

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some injuries are sustained whilst

committing offences. It is important,

though, not to blame victims for their

plight. A sympathetic response can

help prevent the serious psychological

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One of the frustrations in treating

those seriously injured in violence is that so few incidents are investigated

and even fewer assailants are convict-

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label some incidents as "domestic" be-

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when, in fact, the attack may have

been unprovoked and by a complete

Less typecasting would result in bet-

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crease in the chances of offenders be-

to suffer.

stranger.

DON TAYLOR, 16 Sylvandale Avenue, Levenshulme, Manchester.

Faulty typecasting

From Professor Jonathan Shepherd

Sir. One group of people about whom preconceptions need to be thrown into healthy confusion" ("Not my type - or yours". Libby Purves, May 7) is victims of crime. Some of my patients with face injuries have been disadvantaged because of typecasting, to their assailants' benefit.

Investigations have revealed some astonishing caricatures: for example, of most victims as being offenders reswho have been drinking have been condemned as not deserving NHS

These beliefs are not fust held by some coal-face casualty doctors. During a recent discussion about ways in which casualty department/police joint working might be improved, one consultant felt it was unethical to report serious violence on the grounds that victims would be "shopped". His assumption was that they were large-

ly injured whilst breaking the law. Clearly, in the interests of efficiency, it may not be possible to tease out all

School buildings

From Mr Roger Tant

Sir, As a structural engineer involved with educational buildings I was angered by political parties' promises for provision of more information technoogy in schools (Education, May 3). Research by the Association

County Councils shows that approximately 765,000 children in England are, on a daily basis, being taught in mobile classrooms or huts, many in very poor condition, some dating back to the Second World War and costing a fortune to maintain.

How about getting our priorities right and replacing these appalling temporary classrooms with modern buildings? Then get the computers to put in them.

Yours faithfully. ROGER TANT. The Budgen Partnership (Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers) 382-386 Edgware Road, W2.

Oflot security

ing brought to justice.

JONATHAN SHEPHERD,

Department of Oral Surgery,

Medicine and Pathology.

Yours faithfully,

University of Wales

College of Medicine

Heath Park, Cardiff.

From Dr N. G. B. Hersey

Sir. You report (May 2; see also letters, May 2, 4) that prospective employees of Camelot are vetted by Oflot's security team, and applications are checked with the National Criminal Intelligence Service, the Police National Computer, the inland Revenue and the security services.

Why is Oflot given such privileged

access to reference sources denied to private companies fitting security systems or employing uniformed guards? Clearly National Lottery profits should not go to organised crime. but the distinct possibility of a known burglar fitting my alarm system, or an ex-convict "guarding" my property, purely because the Home Office does not allow adequate security vetting in these cases, is certainly of equal importance to me personally.

Yours faithfully, N. G. B. HERSEY. Appletrees. Great Churchway, Plymouth.

Brought to book

From Dr Kay Davenport

Sir, Professor Denis Stevens complains (letter, May 4) about the inconvenience to readers created by the British Library not having photographic facilities for producing readers' tickets. His complaint rather overlooks two facts:

a) Once readers were photographed by Library admissions; this service has obviously been discontinued because of lack of funding.

b) The British Library makes no charge for providing "a happy haven of help for scholars", whereas, for example, the University of London charges members of Convocation £10 for access and £80 a year for those who wish to exercise borrowing rights. Members of the public who do not hold University of London degrees are charged £6 for a day pass to use the library facilities.

As an American who has been using the British Library for two de-cades. I am astounded that anyone should be indignant at losing "a quarter of a fiver" and at having to walk a few blocks to get photographs when the vast resources of the British Lib-

rary are offered free of charge. On one Friday a few weeks ago the Reading Room processed more than 2,000 applications for books. Rather more, I should imagine, than the Bodleian.

Yours faithfully. KAY DAVENPORT. 21 Highbury Hill, N5.

From Mrs Mary Burns

Sir, My experience is the opposite of Professor Stevens'.

Seeking to renew my reader's ticket, issued in 1939, I (80) recently went to the British Library, taking with me two bad (and ancient) photographs. surplus to some previous similar requirement. To my surprise they proved acceptable, and I was cheerfully given, with no demur or red tape. an immediate renewal until the year

My field of study is medieval French literature, which, I assume, has not changed much either. All I now need is an up-to-date reading list.

Yours sincerely, MARY BURNS. 90 Southwood Lane, Highgate, No.

Army chaplains' duty of discretion

From the Right Reverend J. D. G. Kirkham, Bishop to the Forces

Sir, Your report, "MPs support ban on homosexuals in the Armed Forces" (May 8), on the most recent meeting of the cross-party Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill stated that the committee was concerned that it had been alleged that military chaplains had divulged what had been told to them in confidence.

If this has happened at any time it is explicitly contrary to the guidelines on confidentiality issued to all military chaplains by their respective heads.

The position is quite clear and is endorsed by the Chaplain of the Fleet, the Chaplain General and the Chap-lain-in-Chief (RAF). Chaplains in HM Forces are commissioned as chaplains and their status as officers in no way prejudices their absolute duty of confidentiality on all matters as priests and ministers of their respective churches. This is recognised by the authorities

in all three Services.

If individual chaplains have falled in their duty of confidentiality, for whatever reason, that is a matter of extreme regret and they have contravened their duty as chaplains. The three Heads of Service Chaplaincy would take an extremely serious view of any such contravention, as they would of any perceived or real pressure by the Service authorities on a chaplain to betray what has been told to him or her in confidence, without the express permission of the person concerned.

All military chaplains are aware of this long-standing policy and are conscious of their duty to maintain the inviolability of the trust implicit in a pastoral relationship.

Yours faithfully, *†JOHN SHERBORNE*, Little Bailie, Sturminster Marshall. Wimborne, Dorset. May IO.

British theatre

From Mr Charles Morgan

Sir, Your leader ("Flaunt it", May 9; see also letters, May 13) rightly celebrates the new and established talent in British theatre. You could have added that this has been achieved against a background of declining Government support, despite the fact the returns in terms of tax for the Exchecuter and overseas earnings are substantially greater than the subsidy provided.

It is ironic that you should choose as an example the Royal Court, certainly a successful theatre but one which I believe has to think about whether it can afford to turn on the photocopier

so that everybody has a script. You suggest if Tony Blair becomes Prime Minister, his policies for the arts may be no different from those of the Conservatives. In that case you should make your call: flaunt it and support it properly too.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES MORGAN, 7 Dorset Road, Talbot Woods. Bournemouth, Dorset.

High society

From Brigadier C. W. Woodburn

Sir, Unlike Mr Woodall (letter, May 7: see also letters, May 11) I found the announcement of my daughter's engagement today to be at the end of the list of forthcoming marriages, in spite of her becoming engaged to a man who is alphabetically her superior. Well. we Ws know our place.

I then noticed that the order in which the announcements were listed was alphabetically correct for both the gentlemen and the ladies concerned. I have not calculated the chance of this occurring for a list of five engagements. I suspect that it is an even greater number than the anticipated cost of the wedding.

Yours faithfully, BILL WOODBURN, Iverna. The Drive. Bosham, Chichester, West Sussex.

From Professor Alec Eden Sir, The pleasure of Mr Woodall and his wife (née Ulyatt) on the ascension of their daughter up the alphabetical

ladder is understandable. For several years I worked with a Norwegian colleague, Dr Aaslid, who could barely conceal his excitement when his name appeared at the head of the list of references in scientific publications. When I tried to find his number in the Oslo telephone directory I understood why. In his native country his name was written as "Aslid" - and A is the 29th letter of the Norwegian alphabet.

Yours faithfully, ALEC EDEN. The Thatched House. Mead Road, Torquay, Devon.

London footpath From Mr Sandy Ellis

Sir, When the London Outer Orbital Path (report, May 4) is completed in 2000, given the present rate of growth in road traffic, might this prove to be not only a more environmentally desirable way of circumnavigating London, but also quicker than the M25?

Yours faithfully. SANDY ELLIS. The Hermitage, Sale Green, Nr Droitwich, Worcestershire.

COURT CIRCULAR

Lieutenant Colonel Ian Gordon.

Assistant Defence Advisor (Army).

New Zealand High Commission.

May 13: The Duke of Gloucester this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport at the conclusion of His Royal Highness's visit to Wash-ington DC, United States of

Major Nicholas Barne was in

May 13: The Duke of Kent, Vice-

Chairman, the British Overseas

Automotive Products Group Lim-

Spa, and was met on arrival by

Captain Charles Fetherston-Dilke,

Royal Navy (Vice-Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire).

of Warwickshire).
His Royal Highness this after-noon visited Lumonics Limited,

Cosford Lane, Swift Valley, Rugby, and later opened the new School House, Rugby School, Rugby,

The Duke of Kent was repre-

sented by Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-

Ellison at the Memorial Service for

Mr Simon Dyer, which was held at Brompton Oratory, London SW3,

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KENSINGTON PALACE

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ST JAMES'S PALACE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 13: The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the Windsor and Maidenhead District Sports Association for the Disabled and opened a new extension to the Clubhouse at Braywick Sports Ground, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

His Royal Highness, President and Honorary Life Fellow, Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Comtnerce, this evening attended a Reception at St James's Palace to launch the William Shipley Appeal. ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 13: The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited Wadde Manor, Aylesbury, and attended a Reception for Botanic Gardens Conservation International. KENSINGTON PALACE May 13: The Princess of Wales, Patron, International Spinal Re-

search Trust, this morning attended the send-off of Push 2000 at Kensington Palace. KENSINGTON PALACE May 13: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal New Zealand Corps of

Transport, this afternoon received

Brigadier Thomas Leighs, Colonel Commandant of the Corps and

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will attend the guest lecture to commemorate the Bicentermial of The Legacy of Jenner: Vaccination Past, Present and Future, The Royal Society,

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, will open the research institute, The Royal Free Hospital, Fleet Road, Hampstead, at 1.55pm.

Appointment

Mr Ian Mackley has been appointed High Commissioner to Ghana and, additionally, Ambassador (non-resident) to Togo in succession to Mr David Walker, who will be transferring to a new Diplomatic Service appointment in mid-July.

Me Simon Dyer The Duke of Kent was represented by Sir

Raiph Carr-Ellison, Vice-President of the

Automobile Association, who gave an address, and Prince Michael of Kent by

Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club, at a memorial requiem

Mass for Mr Simon Dver. Director

General of the AA, held yesterday at

Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of

Westminster, was the principal celebrant

celebrants were Father Gerald Hughes, OSB, Father Edward Corbould, OSB,

and Father Anthony Laundy, of St

Judge Mark Dyer, brother, and Mr

Adrian Brennan read the lessons. Father

Ronald Creighton-Jobe was robed and in

Among others present were:

Brompton Oratory.

Winefride's, Kew.

the sunctuary.

Mr Timothy Mort has been appointed to be a circuit judge on appointed to be a cutoff fuege on the Northern Circuit.

Miss Lesley Millard has been appointed a district judge on the South Eastern Circuit.

Royal Over-Seas League Lady Olga Maitland, MP, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League beld last night at Over-Seas House, St. James's. Miss Hazel Ellis presided.

Concert

Meeting

The Most Rev Luigi Barbarito, Apostolic Nuncio, will attend the concert which will be given by Victoria de los Angeles and the Church at 7,30om on May 20.

Mrs Dyer (widow), Miss Jernima Dyer and Miss Louise Dyer (daughters), Mrs Maxwell Dyer (mother), Mrs Mark Dyer

(sister-in-law), Mrs Phyllis Wing (mother-in-law), Mrs Dominic Twose.

Miss Cordella Dyer and other members

Sir Brian Shaw (Chairman of the AA)

and Lady Shaw with Sir John Blelloch

(Vice-Chairman) and Lady Blelloch, Lord and Lady Crickhowell, Baroness Wilcox,

Alexander and Lady Durie, General Sir Jack Harman, Sir Brian and Lady Jenkina, Sir Kenneth Newman, Mr and

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t-General Sir Norman Arthur, Sir Peter Baldwin, Lady Corr-Ellison, Sir

Survivor of wrecked ship carves memorial to lost sailors

By DOMINIC KENNEDY

A SURVIVOR of the Maria Asumpta, the sailing ship wrecked against rocks in Cornwali almost a year ago, has completed a sculpture to the memory of 700 sailors lost in wartime.

Philip Chatfield, 37, who was carpenter on the 125ft vessel overcame the trauma of his experience to carve the 21ft, 43-tonne memorial. He overcame physical pain and flashbacks as he chipped away for months in a quarry in Portland. The memorial was un-

veiled in the port of Barry last week by two merchant seamen who survived torpedo attacks during the last war.

The Maria Asumpta, built in 1858 and the world's oldest working sailing ship. was wrecked on May 30 last year when her engine failed as she tried to manoeuvre into Padstow harbour. Three crew members died. Mr Chatfield, of Gower,

had just won the commission to carve a war memorial dedicated to the forgotten heroes of Barry, which lost more merchant seamen than any other British port during the two world wars. He created his winning

design, depicting lifesize sea-

men, coils of rope, a liberty ship and a globe, while sailing on the Maria Asumpta in 1994. His first cheque, for £8,000, and the sketch plans sank with the He was at the bow of the Maria Asumpta when she heaved violently, breaking

his left forearm, tearing liga-

ments in his right elbow and

badly damaging his right

shoulder. "I do remember being about 10ft under water, holding on to the rock under the I scrambled up and ran,



sea and the ship coming in to crush me. I thought that was it and accepted death. I could have just let go with my left hand and touched the side of the ship. She didn't come in. The sucking away of the water was phenomenal but I held on. Then I was exposed.

rockhopping." Mr Chatfield's trauma has helped him to understand the grief lingering in Barry, a small town where almost every home lost a loved one at sea during the

His next project is to carve the marble memorial for the Maria Asumpta in Padstow.

"I am hoping that will lay the ghost of the ship for me. ☐ The case against Mark Litchfield, 55, of Boxley, Kent. the skipper charged with manslaughter of three crew who died when the Maria Asumpta was wrecked, has been adjourned until May 31 by Bodmin magistrates.

Marriages **Dinners**

Furniture Makers' Company

The Masters of the Carpenters', Painter Stainers', Upholders' and

Turners Companies and the Prime Warden of the

The Royal Society and the

Lord Butterworth, Chairman of

the Council of the Foundation for

Science and Technology, presided at a fecture and dinner discussion

held with the Royal Society last

night at 6 Carlton House Terrace. Sir Ron Dearing, Professor Alan Smithers and Dr Michael Young

Commander W.A. Beaumont, president of the society, presided.

Air Commodore H.A. Probert also

Professor Sir Frederick Crawford

BIRTHS: Thomas Gainsburough,

Newtown, Powys, 1771: Otto Klemperer, conductor, Breslau.

Germany, 1885; Eric Morecambe,

comedian, Morecambe, 1926; Bobby Darin, singer, songwriter and actor, New York City, 1930.

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The victory of the English barons

over King Henry III at the Battle of Lewes, 1264.

Edward Jenner carried out the first

successful vaccination against

The independent state of Israel was proclaimed, 1948.

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Detchant was in the chair.

Anniversaries

Baskermakers' Company

among those present.

Foundation

Technology

were the speakers.

RAF Club

HUW EVANS

Dr LJ. Howes. FRCA. and Miss G.J. Scott The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, attended a dinner of the Furniture Makers' Company

The marriage took place on Saturday. May 11, 1996, at the Church held last night at the Mansion of St John the Evangelist. House. Mr Hugh Joscelyne. Mas-Slimbridge. Gloucestershire. beter, presided. The Lord Mayor presented the Claxton Stevens rween Jonathan, youngest son of Dr and Mrs P. Howes, of Prize to Mr Richard Williams for the most outstanding piece of furniture submitted to the Craft Waresley, Cambridgeshire, and Gaynor, second daughter of Mr Guild Mark jury in 1995. Mr Edward Brett, Senior Warden, and and Mrs G. Scott, of Slimbridge. Mr Richard Wigdahl was best the Bishop of Bedford also spoke.

> Dr F. Zaniewski and Miss R.M. Eisdon

The marriage took place on Saturday May II. 1996, at St Laurence's Church, Downton, Wiltshire, between Dr Franek Zaniewski and Miss Rosemary Eisdon, MBE.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. Gray and Miss A.J. Brown Lord Quinton was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Royal Air Force Club Dining Society held last night at 128 Piccadilly. Wing Geoffrey and Valerie Brown, of Blackheath, London, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, to Mr Nick Gray, of Biddenden, Kent.

Mr G.R.D. Lamming and Miss C.E. Morley

The engagement is announced between Guy, younger son of the late Mr Clive Lamming and of was the principal speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Lord Walton of Mrs Phyllis Lamming and of Mrs Phyllis Lamming, of Rich-mond, Surrey, and Candida, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Morley, of Priston, Bath.

Luncheon painter, Sudbury, Suffolk, 1727; Robert Owen, social reformer.

Baroness Elles was the sponsor at a fundraising luncheon held yes-terday at the House of Lords for the Greater London Fund for the

DEATHS: Georg Ernst Stahl. chemist, Berlin. 1734: August Birthdays today Strindberg, dramatist, Stockholm. 1912: Sir Rider Haggard, novelist, London, 1925: Edmund Allenby. Miss Francesca Annis, actress, 51:

Mr David Ashby, MP, 56: Mr Richard Balle, MEP, 52; Mr Has-tings Banda, Life President of Malawi, 91; Mr Chay Blyth, yachtsman, 56; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Buchanan, 71: Mr Denis

Sir David Cooksey, chairman, Local Government Commission for England, 56; Mr Phil Drabble, broadcaster. 82; Sir Owen Green, former chairman, BTR, 71; Baroness Hogg, former head of the Prime Minister's policy unit, 50: Mr R. D. C. Hubbard, chairman, Powell Duffryn. 60; Mr G. R. Lister, chief executive, Bradford and Bingley Building Society, 59; Mr George Lucas, film director and producer, 52; Lord McAlpine of West Green, 54; Mr Martin Mogg, former Governor, Durham prison, 55; Mr Edward Newman MEP, 43.

Canon John Oates, rector. St Bride's, Ficer Street, 66: Miss Sian Rhodes, diplomat, 71: Sir Adam. Ridley, executive director. Hambros Bank, 54; Sir Leslie Sharp, former Chief Constable, Strathclyde, 60: Mr Anthony Swiler, chief executive. Radio Authority 49: Mrs Patricia Turner, trade unionist, 69; Judge Adrianne Uziell-Hamilton. 64.

PURISC NOTICES

Requiem Mass

Mr Peter Stemp, Mr Kenneth Faircloth (also representing the AA Foundation for Road Safety Research) and Mrs Faircloth other past and present member of staff.

Viscount and Viscontess Stim, Lord Brabazon of Tara, Lord Brougham and Vaux, Lord Mowbray and Stourton, Lord and Lady Pilkington, Baroness Stedman, Lord and Lady Strathcarron, Lord Wal-(Coopers and Lybrand), the Hon John Donovan, the Hon Charles Martyn-Hemphill, the Hon Simon Orr-Ewing, the Hon Celia Pilkington, the Hon Mrs Rowcliffe, the Hon Mrs Appleyard-List, Lady Brown, Sir Peter Bonfield (BT), and Lady Bonfield, Sir Peter and Lady Cazalet, Lady Scott, Sir Patrick and Lady Sheehy, Sir Thomas Risk, Sir Kenneth Carlisle, MP, Councillor Kevin Gardner and Baroness Gardner of Parkes, Mr Nicholas and Lady Bridget Oppen

Dykes, MP. Mr Jain Mills, MP. Mr Steven Norris, MP, Mr Richard Tracey. MP, Mr Gary Waller. MP, the Mayor and Mayoress of Basingstoke and Deane, the Mayor and Mayoress of Richmond, Judge and Mrs David Smith.

Mr Geoffrey Atkinson (Motor and Allied Trades Benevolent Fund), Mrs. Adele Biss (British Tourist Authority).

Mrs Morag Barton (Brooklands Mu-seum Trust), Brigadier David Canter-bury (representing the founder of the Montagu Motor Car Museum), Mr John Bridgeman (Office of Fair Trading). Mr Christopher Bullock (Institute of Advanced Motorists), Mr Nigel Clarke (Institute of Management) and Mrs Clarke, Mr Brian Colley (Road Haulage Association), Mr Christopher Gorringe (All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet

The Assist Thames Valley Police, Mr Neil Johnson (RAC), Mr Roger King (Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders), Mr Derek tion). Mr Jeremy Logie (British Hospitality Association), Mr George McCulloch Royal Scottish Automobile Club). Mr Max Mosky (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile). Mr Paul Nouwen (Alliance Internationale de Tourisme). Mr Ken Rogers (Guild of Motoring Writers), the Master of the Company of Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' and other members of the livery.

Mr Jim Stevenson (British Cement Association). Mr Bill Threlfall (Hurlingham Club) and Mrs Trelfall, Mr Roy Ward (Institute of the Motor Industry). Mr Trevor Watson (Caravan Club), the Chief Constable of Surrey and Chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers' Traffic Committee, and Mrs Williams. Mr John Woomon (Transport Research Laboratory).

Mr Jack Parker (Institution of Highways and Transportation). Mr Paul Everitt (British Road Federation) other representatives from commerce and industry in the United Kingdom and overseas and many brends.

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Hospital, to Josie (née
Cameron) and Charles, a son.
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a brother for Lucinda and Henry.

BAECHLI - On blay 9th at the Portland Hospital, to Regula Once Zulliger) and plus, a daughter, Ladina, a sister for Sefina.

sister for Seima.

CLANCY - On May 9th, to
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Amelia Rose, a sister for
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ROUNCE - On 11th May, to Catherine (née Ward) and Jensthan, a son, George

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HARPER: GRAY - On May 11th 1996 at St Many's in-the-Wood Church, Mortey, Leeds between Lieutamant Colonel Christopher Harper and Miss Sarah Cray, daughter of Mr and Mrs Victor Gray. DEATHS

BOSTOCK - Joan H.D. Bostock M.R.E. suddenly in Leipzig on a music four beloved younger sister of Biddy and dear aunt to Josephine and Jane. Cremation at Potney Vale on Friday 17th May 2 1.45 pm and afterwards at the Hurbingham Cinh. Donations in 1800 of flowers to the Save the Children Frind. Mary Datchelor House. 17 Grove Lane. London 255 SSP. Memorial Service at a date to be amnounced. She fived to serve othera. Canterbury, suddenly on 7th May aged 69 years. Most dearly loved husband of Thea and warm friend of many. Funeral on Tuesday 21st May at 2.15 pm at St Peter's Church. Bridge. Colleved by committed at Barham Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations to British Heart Foundation or Cancer Research or charity of own choice. Cleving of own choice. Cleving of own dearty for the late Muriel, and the late Impebory, devoted father of Sill (deceased). Jane and Deirdre. Grandfather. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church. Broadgate. Coventry on Friday May 17th at 12 coon follows the following hypery controls to following the following of the following of the Sill (deceased). Jane and Deirote. Grandfather. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church. Broadgate. Coventry on Friday May 17th at 12 coon followed by the following the part 17th at 12 coon followed by 17th at 12 coon followed by 17th at 12 coon followed to the followed by 17th at 12 coon followed by 17th at 12 coon followed by 17th at 12 coon followed to the followed by 17th at 12 coon followed the 17th at 12 coon followed to 17th at 12 coon followed the 17th at 12

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10th May aged 77 of Camer LO.W. branch of Littlebampton, Enquiries F.L. Lloyd Puneral Directors.

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EMEGHT - Banil Francis Jumes (Decx) on Friday May Joth after a long times borne with his customary courses. Betwee lushend of the Reb Gladys (Garry) and denty loved friend of Shella. A very special and much loved father to Mangaret, Francis and Selly and a loving and proud grandfather to Tim. Nick, Jonathan and Sally and great-grandfather to Barnahy. Funeral Service Friday 17th May at the Croydon Crematorium, Thornion Road at 4 pm. No flowers by request. Donations it desired to the St. Heller League of Friends c/o W.A. Trusiove & Son Ltd. 118 Carabalton Road, Sutter, Set (0181) 642-8211.

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Nnamdi Azikiwe, the first President of Nigeria and one of the earliest leaders of the nationalist movement in West Africa, died on May II aged 91. He was born on November 16.

FOR MANY years Nnamdi Azikiwe pointed the way towards independence, exerting great influence as a newspaper editor and as the founder and leader of one of Nigeria's major political parties. He thought nationally at a time when Nigeria was still a collection of regions rather than a nation. When independence eventually came in 1960, however, Azikiwe, who had refused office as a federal minister, preferring the post of President of the Senate, was already a father figure. A month after independence he became the country's first indigenous Governor-General and, when Nigeria became a republic three years after independence. Azikiwe was chosen as its first President.

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He was a man of strong views, pungently expressed, aptly described by Dame Margery Perham in a broadcast in 1965 as a "strange, brilliant, protean character from the Ibo forests". Azikiwe was the son of a clerk in the Nigeria Regiment. Although the family were Ibos from Onitsha, Azikiwe Senior was working in Zunguru, in Northern Nigeria, as a derk on Lugard's staff, when his son was born. As a child, therefore, the young Azikiwe spoke Hausa. At the age of eight he was sent to Onitsha where he learnt Ibo. Later, as a student in Lagos, he became fluent in Yoruba, the other principal language of Nigeria, and many years later, as head of state, this command of the three languages was to be a most valuable asset.

The young Benjamin Azikiwe - who later changed his name to Nnamdi attended Roman Catholic and Anglican primary schools in Onitsha and the Wesleyan Boys' High School, Lagos. He then continued his studies at the Hope Waddall Training Institute in Calbar. Among the influences which inspired him in his student days were, by his own account, Marcus Garvey and his Black Zionism, and the Rev Dr J. E. K. Aggrey.

After a short period as a Civil Service clerk in Lagos. Azikiwe went to the United States in 1925 with the help of £300 which his father had saved for him. There, at the age of 21, he entered Storer College, in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, where he was nicknamed "Zik" by his fellow students. It was a name which stuck even when he was President.

His early years in America were difficult and at one point he attempted suicide. To pay his way through college he did a variety of menial jobs, working as a miner, porter, dishwasher and professional boxer. He matriculated at Howard University in Washington but lack of

money caused him to move to Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. At Lincoln he obtained an MA in political science. From the University of Pennsylvania he ob-tained an MSc in anthropology. He was also the holder of the certificate in journalism of the Teachers' College, Columbia University, and in 1930 edited the Columbia University Summer Session Times.

During a seminar at Pennsylvania, Azikiwe impressed Professor Malinowski of the London School of Economics, present as a visitor, and at his suggestion later became a Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute - an interesting comparison with another African leader. Jomo Kenyatta, to whose book Facing Mount Kenya Malinowski contributed a foreword.

On his way back from the United States Azikiwe visited Britain, and in 1934 applied to compete, for Nigeria, in the British Empire Games, following a successful career in American college athletics. He was barred from the competition after protests from the South African team, and, shocked by this example of colour prejudice, he decided to give up his name Benjamin, changing it legally to Nnamdi. In later years he became president of the Nigerian Amateur Athletic Association. In 1938, writing in his paper, the West African Pilot, Azikiwe claimed that from athletics he had learnt to suffer in silence. "I have always looked at most of my life's problems as problems which confront a miler in a mile race."

With his American degree behind him, Azikiwe applied for jobs in the education departments of four colonies. Neither there, nor in Liberia, Ethiopia or Turkey, was he successful, and in 1934 he moved to Accra to edit a new paper, the African Morning Post. Three years later he was convicted of sedition for an article printed in his paper. The conviction was reversed on appeal, and Azikiwe moved to Lagos, where he founded his own paper, the West African Pilot. Its motto was: "Show the light and the people will find the way." Azikiwe brought to West Africa the techniques of modern journalism which he had learnt in the United States. The Pilot, and an associated chain of provincial dailies, were a potent force in Nigerian politics.

In 1944 Azikiwe was one of the founders of the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons (when the Southern Cameroons became part of the Federal Republic of Cameroon the NCNC, though keeping the same initials, changed its name to National Convention of Nigerian Cinzens). He was its general secretary until 1946, when he became president of the party on the death of Herbert Macaulay. His aim was independence and the creation of a sense of nationhood. In spite of his personal wealth and business NNAMDI AZIKIWE



success, his was an appeal to the masses. In practice, however, the NCNC drew its main strength from Iboland, and it increasingly became the party of Eastern Nigeria — regional, like the other political parties of Nigeria. Azikiwe himself, after a short period in the Western Nigeria Legislature, was Premier of the East from 1954 to 1959, relinquishing the post to Dr Michael Okpara when he moved to the Senate. As Governor-General and President, he naturally had to give up active leadership of the NCNC.

It was not easy for Azikiwe, as a former political leader, to play the behind-thescenes role which his position as Governor-General and later as President demanded. Although he remained an influential figure in the East, however, he performed his new duties with impartiality, considerable flair and a real feeling for the unity of Nigeria.

The election of December 1964 produced a serious conflict between the

Northern People's Congress and the NCNC, which boycotted the polling booths. Azikiwe's sympathies, it was clear, lay with the NCNC and the East in a dispute that threatened to break the federation. For a day or so Nigeria's future hung in the balance. It was widely known that the President had prepared a broadcast to the people. In the event, his sense of constitutional propriety prevailed, and he called on Sir Abubakar Talawa Balewa of the NPC once again to form a government. Of all Azikiwe's services to Nigeria, this action in 1964 may be judged by historians to be the

But the political situation did not improve - although Zik continued as President and his party remained in the Federal Coalition Government. The disaffection of the NCNC increased. In the Western Region election of October 1965, the NCNC, as part of the United Progressive Grand Alliance fought open-

ly on the side of the opposition Action Group. As it lost in what was widely thought to have been a rigged election, the region descended into violence, Azikiwe left the country on a long tour, part vacation, part medical leave, part expression of concern and apprehension. Thus he was out of the country when the coup of January 15, 1966, unseated him, ushering in a period of military rule and civil war. Although Zik was never again to hold high office, he was widely suspected of having had some sympathies with the Ibo majors who staged the coup, and the Ibodominated regime of Genral Ironsi which in fact took over, detaining the majors. Although the coup claimed national objectives, the taint of ethnic ambition hung over the Ironsi regime, provoking anti-lbo riots and massacres, and a counter-coup later in the year. In all this Zik, with his distaste for violence, lay very low. The regime in Eastern Nigeria of Colonel Ojukwu occasionally tried to

manipulate him but he counselled caution

and was opposed to secession.

It was only after the region broke away from the Nigerian federation in May 1967 under the name of Biafra that it was possible to mobilise Zik, somewhat reluctantly, to speak out for the secessionist cause. Although later he said he never really meant it, the Biafrans were able to use his considerable international prestige and contacts to help to secure recognition for the secessionist state. He was among those whose influence counted in persuading President Nyerere of Tanzania and President Kaunda of Zambia into recognition, as well as, bizarrely, President Duvalier of Haiti. It was clear that Zik had little stomach for such activity, however, and he was in the group which met in Paris in September 1968 and which unsuccessfully sent a message to Ojukwu advising him to embark on serious negotiations with Lagos to end the war, after the French had told them there were limits to what they would do for

This enraged Ojukwu and no more was heard of the group. In July the next year Azikiwe was spotted passing through Lagos airport en route to Liberia and was persuaded to go and meet General Gowon, who persuaded him to stay. Although uncomfortable at being used as propaganda weapon, his conversion was real enough, a clear indication of the way the wind was blowing. Indeed, it is hard to imagine that he had ever considered himself as anything but a

Because of the great sentimental support he still retained among the Ibos, Zik's defection was one more nail in Biafra's coffin. Once the war was over, he faded into the political background, and for eight years lived in his adopted home town of Nsukka, occasionally travelling. keeping his political contacts up. There

was uncertainty, however, as to whether he would really take up the political cudgels again, in spite of the planned return to civilian rule of the late 1970s.

There are those who say it was only on learning that his old antagonist Chief Obalemi Awolowo (whom Zik blamed for splitting the nationalist movement in the early 1950s) was definitely running for the presidency that Zik decided to come out of retirement. He did so with the help of a young Ibo businessman called Jim Nwobodo, who managed to inject Zik into the leadership of one of the newly formed political parties, the Nigerian People's Party (NPP). Although some of the NPP's northern support split off, Zik's own political renaissance at the age of 74 ensured the party's base in the two states. Anambra and Imo, which, since 1976 made up the Ibo heartland. Nonetheless, in 1979 he reached only third place, well behind Shagari, who became President, and Awolowo. Echoing the action of 20 years before, the NPP went into coalition with the ruling NPN, and the old cycle of Nigerian politics seemed to recommence. This time, however, Zik took no offence. In 1983, with an alliance between him

and Awolowo's party again in the offing, because of discontents at being a junior and impotent partner in the coalition, there seemed to be a real chance of Zik giving up the struggle in favour of Awolowo, who was as determined as ever to become President. After a moving exchange of letters ("Dear Zik", "Dear Awo") between the two Grand Old Men of Nigerian politics, which set out their intertwined political histories, the siren call of politics seems once more to have overcome him. Some said it was pressure from his Ibo supporters, who still saw him as the best vote-winner they had: some said it was the thought that Awo might actually become President this time. Although one politician rather unfairly described Zik's political career as having been "consistently inconsistent". he had always been consistent in one thing — stopping Awolowo. Once again, he came a poor third in the 1983 elections, and left the political arena altogether. When Awolowo died in 1986, Zik was genuinely moved at not just the passing of an old enemy but of one of the great figures of southern Nigeria.

In his long retirement Zik enjoyed one diversion. In November 1989, thanks to the misplaced zeal of The Daily Telegraph, he became one of the few public figures able to read his own obituary. The reaction of this former journalist was not, though, a particularly charitable one. "I feel ashamed," he said, "to belong to a profession that could make that kind of blunder." It was a proof perhaps that even in old age he had not lost his capacity to sting.

Nnamdi Azikiwe is survived by his wife

and children.

JOAN THIRKETTLE

Joan Thirkettle, ITN cancer on May II aged 48. She was born on September 14, 1947.

JOAN THIRKETTLE was a general reporter for ITN for 22 years, latterly specialising in law reporting. For many television viewers she will be remembered simply as the woman with windswept hair, who stood sentinel outside countless courtroom buildings for News at Ten. But to fellow journalists, she was the consummate professional work- to rise to the most nightmarish

A naturally modest and private woman, Joan Thirkettle never let her own personality intrude between the viewer and the story she was reporting. Nor did the question of being female ever cloud her judgment on what sort of story she should cover. She was a general reporter who had her specialities without being a specialist, and who enjoyed the challenge of making herself mistress of a subject in a few hours. Her ability

scenario was best seen on the morning of John Smith's sudden death from a heart attack in 1994, when the Labour leader had been rushed to Bart's Hospital. ITN was as unprepared for such an eventuality as was the rest of Fleet Street, but they rounded up a crack news team who put out an excellent two-hour special on the drama as it unfolded. Joan Thirkettle reported live from Barr's, and the report won an award from the Royal Television Society.

ty to gain the confidence of people who, for whatever reason, did not normally like to be interviewed. For instance, in 1990 she pulled off a rare interview with Salman Rushdie — a feat in those days when the writer was not often seen in public. The dressmaking Emanuels talked to her in 1981, at the time of the Royal Wedding, when seemingly half the country was consumed with curiosity about the design of Lady Diana

As an interviewer, Joan Spencer's wedding dress, Lat-Thirkettle had the useful abili- er she talked to the Prince of Wales about his village in Dorset - Poundbury - and in 1990 interviewed Norma Major, who was then very reluctant to step into the limelight as the new Prime Minister's

One of her great strengths was her total lack of vanity. Reporters are not often on camera for more than 15 seconds during a report, and there was not time, in Joan Thirkettle's opinion, for the public to notice particularly what they were wearing. Be-sides which, she preferred to stay out of sight wherever possible: "I'm not important at all. The story is what's important and the pictures that tell

Richard Branson knew her

professionally for years. He

first met her when he was selling records, and when she was briefly working as a talent sponer for Ready Steady Go. Later their daughters attended the same school. She reported on his attempts to break the speed record for crossing the Atlantic - she was there on the Isles of Scilly when the first Challenger sank beneath the waves some miles short of its objective in 1985. Five years later she was one of the group of reporters who waited patiently with him in Japan for the favourable weather conditions needed to cross the Pacific in a hot-air balloon. Branson was amused to surprise her, one day shortly before take-off, in the process of brushing down his advance obituary notice.

Joan Elizabeth Thirkettle



never wanted to be anything but a journalist. Educated locally at Bexleyheath she took an external degree in English Literature from London University. At the same time, she was taken on as a trainee researcher with Associated-Rediffusion. She followed this with a stint on the Daily Mail and in 1969 joined The Sunday Times as a property correspondent and business writer. She reported for BBC Radio and British Forces Broadcasting during the early 1970s, and in 1973 became a founder

member of London Broadcasting Company. There she produced the station's two-hour lunchtime news magazine

rogramme. She joined ITN in 1974 and remained with it for the rest of her professional life, covering around 1,500 stories over her two decades for News at Ten, at the rate of roughly one or two a week. Carol Barnes started there at about the same time as her (they had also worked together at LBC). Joan Thirkettle was one of the only women of her generation there

to make a conscious decision reporting.

There were two sides to her as a reporter -- terrier-like and rational in her investigative skills, compassionate by na-ture — and this was reflected in her choice of stories. She reported sensitively on the famine in Ethiopia in the mid-1980s; and in 1987 she uncovered the story of Stephen Wilshire, an autistic boy with remarkable artistic talents. It was she who persuaded her producers to let her take him to New York, and to explore his abilities in more depth. Stephen Wilshire astounded observers there by executing a set of detailed sketches of Manhattan skyscrapers from memory.

But more recently she specialised on the labyrinthine complexities of criminal law and appeals. Her last onscreen report was in February this year. She had been ill with cancer for six months.

Joan Thirkettle had some unexpected interests outside news reporting. She occasion-ally presented music programmes for Classic FM, wrote short stories and studied natural history. She lived in that part of Camden Town in north London which is densely populated with writ-

Her marriage to Jonathon Wallace — grandson of the thriller writer Edgar Wallace ended in divorce in 1986. Thereafter she juggled professional commitments with the demands of single parenthood. She is survived by her son and daughter.

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MR CHURCHILL MEETS THE HOUSE

The House of Commons met yesterday to greet the new Government, and showed by the ring in its cheers both for the incoming Prime Minister and for his predecessor that it was well satisfied with the rapid completion of a front uniting all parties. It had only one duty to perform, and Mr Churchill's brief speech, calling it to that duty, was in every way worthy of a war leader.

Just as Garibaldi in his darkest hour offered his followers only "hunger. thirst, forced marches, battles and death," and found men willing to suffer these things in order that tyranny should perish, so Mr Churchill yesterday of fered the nation only "blood, toil and tears" until the same high purpose is achieved; and he, too, will inspire a whole nation to sustain and support him

in the struggle. Again, just as Clemenceau in the darkest hour of the last war gave France new resolve with the phrase which rang

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A leading article drew parallels from history and underlined with figures the strength of Churchill's all-party support.

through Parliament and the nation: "Je fais la guerre," so Mr Churchill yesterday defined the spirit of his Government in the single phrase "to wage war". With that spirit no one can doubt that Government and nation will achieve

The degree to which the nation is behind the Government was shown in more than the vote of 381 to nil by which the House of Commons endorsed its formation yesterday, and by more than the utterances of every responsible

member during the debate. At the Labour Party conference the action of Labour leaders in joining the Government was endorsed by 2,413,000 votes to 170,000, and Mr Attlee has therefore received in the fullest measure the mandate for which he asked. Undoubtedly the nation is happier and stronger now that its leaders of every party have agreed to share in the responsibility for the conduct of the war, and as much credit is due to those who have uncomplainingly accepted a smaller share of responsibility as to those who have accepted their full share for the first time.

One word of warning, uttered by the Prime Minister yesterday, may be underlined. "We have before us," he said, "an ordeal of the most grievous kind." A battle on the scale now engaged cannot be expected to pursue from first to last a course which will earn the Government applause. It is not applause which either they or the men in the thick of the battle want. It is unwavering and unfaltering endurance both in good times and in bad.

hen President Chirac ar-rives today, he will have a pleasant surprise. Britain is one of the few countries where the French leader's honeymoon has already lasted a year, and shows no sign of going sour. Indeed Britain is currently in the middle of a periodic infatuation with all things French. Not only is Eric Cantona Britain's favourite footballer; but an enthusiasm for its new President has replaced years of suspicion when François

Mitterrand was in the Elysée. The change is partly personal and partly political. Jacques Chirac was immediately perceived here and Anglophile. He speaks English; he has a bluff, hearty manner; he seemed to find the alliance with Germany too suffocating and wanted to do more business with Britain.

Some of these perceptions are true; others are wishful thinking.

A honeymoon that has lasted a year

For the fact is that John Major desperately needed a new friend in Europe, and Chirac seemed to be the answer. Mr Major wanted to show his critics that his middleof-the-road view of Europe was gaining ground abroad. M Chirac, he believed, was a fellow conservative who shared the Gaullist conception - now so popular in Britain - of a Europe des patries. Here was a man who was more pro-American than any previous French leader, who was determined to take France back into Nato, who chose the British model for his proposed reform of French defence and who had the courage to attempt the radical social restructuring that Margaret

ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS

Anglo-French relations had been in need of repair. The Mitterrand years, when France was leading the push for a more closely integrated Europe, were the low point Margaret Thatcher. angered at being patronised by President Giscard, had little time for the incoming Socialist President and increasingly saw the Paris-Bonn axis as inimical to British interests. She believed Paris was the main basis of support for Jacques Delors, then European Commission President, and was the driving force behind giving greater power to Brussels.

She was intensely suspicious of M

Mitterrand's socialism, personality and intentions. France, Britain believed, was intent on reducing American influence in Europe, belittling the effectiveness of Nato and pursuing its own national interest abroad.

France, in turn, saw Mrs Thatcher as a strident English nationalist determined to undermine French trade and economic policies, wreck the common agricultural policy and halt all EU attempts at political integration.

The nadir of trust cause when M Mitterrand paid a state visit a decade ago and some of his security guards were accused of trying to smuggle arms into Britain — an attempt played down by the embarrassed French as a way of testing British security.

Some of the suspicion of M Mitterrand lingered after Mr Major came to power, though increasing military co-operation in Bosnia and the reunification of Germany brought London and Paris closer. There were shared concerns about German policy.

The atmosophere improved on M Chirac's election. Mr Major hoped that his overt support for French nuclear testing would win political points in Paris, and France in return would come to

on the Maastricht Two treaty. Britain does not want to be isolated again. Although it disagrees with Paris on monetary union, there are areas where the two are close the primacy of the Council of Ministers, the need for a more effective common foreign policy, the wish to limit the powers of the Brussels Commission and

the European Parliament. But M Chirac has found that France's interests are, inevitably, tied to Germany. There is no sign that France is taking a more "sceptical" view of Europe or that it is ready to support Mr Major in the inter-governmental conference. Nevertheless, relations are excellent with regard to defence.

Bosnia has brought the two closer together. It led to a new respect for each other's Armed Forces and a co-ordination of their UN roles. Shielded from publicity, the Bilateral Commission, set up in 1992 has brought Europe's two nuclear powers together not only in defence concepts but in such vital matters as targeting strategy.

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Tor Mr Major, this co-operation is an important sign that not all relationships in Europe have to go through Brussels. That is why Britain moved swiftly to invite M Chirac on a state visit where, in London, he will celebrate his first year in office. Parliament will listen to him with respect and the Queen will be the first to offer congratulations.

> MICHAEL BINYON Diplomatic Editor

The bulldozer gains ground

PROFILE OF THE PRESIDENT

the strikes, bombs, international outrage over nuclear testing. flailing franc, laggard economy and dwindling opin-ion polls that marked M Chirac's first few months as President of France would have browbeaten a less confident man. But, as belits his nickname "Le Bulldoz-

er". France's Gaullist President has joited over the bumps, emerging in better shape than many would have predicted. A year after his election, M Chirac can raise perhaps two

cheers: the franc is

stronger, his popularity is rising and the nuclear fraces and last summer's terrorist bombing campaign are fading from memory.

Even his toughest critics are forced to admit that M Chirac has grown into the job. "Suddenly Chirac feels himself to be President," observed the left-leaning Libération newspaper. The entente between Britain and France is more cordiale than it has been for years, thanks in part to what M Chirac's advisers say is the President's "special affection" for Britain.

The impetuosity that mark-ed M Chirac's first few months in office has given way to a

Even his toughest critics are forced to admit that Jacques Chirac

> more considered approach, while the campaign platform that seemed to offer all things to all men has been drastically

has grown into the job'

Critics, including many within the ruling coalition, believed that M Chirac's decision to advertise the resumption of nuclear testing so far in

advance made his Govern ment a sitting target.

M Chirac came to power promising to cut taxes, reduce unemployment and mend France's "social fabric". For the first few months, the Government appeared almost paralysed by the contradictions of its campaign pledges, but last October the

crunch came when M Chirac gravely an-nounced that fiscal austerity was the order of the day. The rest, he implied, would

have to wait. While Alain Juppé was taking the flak for the programme to cut social security spend-ing (much of which had to be jettisoned). M Chirac kept a low profile.

The Elysée has made good use of the Chirac style - informal, loquacious and charming - by ensuring that key statements are made directly to the nation, either through articles written by M



An old hand at marketing: the Elysée has made good use of the Chirac style - informal, loquacious and charming

Chirac in the French press or on television.

Where the late François Mitterrand appeared an aloof figure, M Chirac has the knack of seeming both dignified and personable. His address to the nation after the death of his predecessor and

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long-time rival was regarded as a tour de force.

Thanks partly to a concerted effort to get the President into the countryside, "La France profonde", M Chirac's popularity ratings have begun to climb in recent months. But the latest polls reveal a telling

paradox: most voters find their President likeable and capable, but remain dubious of his policies. As his opponents are quick to point out, so far from falling, taxes and unemployment have risen during his

first year.

and fiercely independent for-eign policy, M Chirac is treading, self-consciously, in the footsteps of General de Gaulle. The President's unilateral approach to the Bosnia conflict, his selective approach to the Schengen open-borders

agreement and French diplo-

macy in the Middle East have not always won the plaudits of France's allies, but such initiatives are clearly intended to show that, in the words of a senior adviser, "France is

is personal standing is gradually improving, yet M Chirac is not yet out of the woods. The Government's determination to meet the criteria for a single European currency by slashing France's deficits to 3 per cent of GDP by next year remains a tantalisingly distant target. Last week, in an article in Le Monde, M Chirac gave warning that further belt-tightening would be necessary.
Today the objective is clear.

to reduce further public spending, since this is the only way to cut taxes from 1997 without making deficits larger." he wrote, adding that "the European Union must have a real identity, a single currency and a common policy on trade, foreign affairs and security." There are obstacles ahead,

not least the prospect of legislative elections in two years, but there is no sign that "Le Buildozer" is running out of steam as he embarks on the second year of his seven-year term. "I have the will," he said recently, showing some of the steel beneath a velvety exteri-or. "But I also have the time."

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Pierre Cardin on the balcony of his office in Paris, hub of his empire, overlooking the presidential Elysée Palace

retailers, Pierre Cardin lives above the shop. The only difference is that his home overlooks the French President's palace, and the business downstairs has a turnover of more than a El billion a year.

Cardin is the French label that are the world. Long before the politicians across the road in the Elysée Palace realised that the Iron Curtain was becoming rusty, and the Chinese economically frisky, Cardin was already selling fashion where governments feared to tread.

He has been in China for 20 years and has a hundred shops there - ironic, really, because it was Cardin who made the Mao jacket trendy

With the Internet, designs can be copied within hours'

on the fashion catwalks years

"I've been here 51 years and I've seen eight Presidents come and go," says Cardin, gesturing across the chestnut trees of the elegant Avenue Marigny to the Elysee. In that time, his empire has gone from designing theatre costumes to a brand name that sells clothes. luggage, hotels, Maxim's restaurants and even own-brand sardines across 146 countries.

At 74, he is now the grand old man of couture, although when he started designing in the 1950s he was seen as the

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enfant terrible. While the haute couturiers were still selling to a tiny A-list of clients, Cardin decided to mass-produce some of his designs and brought pret-d-porter to the

people. "Of course, the Cham-bre Syndicale (the exclusive countriers' association) threw me out. Then a few years later they realised it worked and were begging me to be an

Cardin saw the future long before his rivals, putting world domination before exclusivity. He realised that licensing his name to be used on approved products like perfumes and scarves — there are now nearly 1,000 - would Americans, such as Calvin

result in extraordinary profits. Klein, leapt rather late on the housewares to underwear bandwagon which Cardin set rolling. Ask people in shop-ping malls in Midwestern America to name a French designer, and polls show

Pierre Cardin is the most

"I can live my life entirely

familiar brand.

"I can live my life entirely within my empire," says Cardin, without a hint of modesty. "I can sleep on my sheets in my hotel, dine in my restaurant, wear my own clothes, sit on my sofa."

He points to the gold PC logo on the leather sofa in his offices. He is wearing his near-uniform of grey flannels and blue Cardin blazer.

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"Other people may go out to

cat, to hotels, to play golf, but all that is part of my business." He is a workaholic, fond of 12-hour days, including weekends. After the interview he rushes round his workshops and offices, showing off cas-cades of designs, bolts of silk and treasured members of

He leaps up on the windowsill when the photographer asks him to pose for a picture. He ought to be a pensioner but he has the energy level (and the attention span) of a twoyear-old. He is like a bee in his own offices: buzzing, landing, tasting, and buzzing off again. After days of administrative decisions, he dreams his designs at night and keeps a sketchbook and pens by his bedside: "It's not work, it's

Cardin's acknowledged days of genius were in the 1960s when he brought astronaut-inspired suits onto the catwalk and used new synthetic materials like vinyl in extraordinary bubble minidresses. He dressed, among others, Jackie Kennedy, Bianca Jagger and Marlene

pleasure. It's no different from

an artist enjoying and being

fulfilled by his painting.

The Victoria and Albert Museum in London held a retrospective of his best designs a few years ago, but the same compliment has not been offered by the Parislans.

"You are not always respected at home, he says. He is respected increasingly as a businessman and less as a designer. There is a Marks & Spencer-like solidity about Cardin creations, no bad thing, but he works in an industry which always wor-

the Legion of Honour, and a dozen fashion awards. He is recognised for maintaining fashion and design as one of France's biggest exports - in fact, so popular was he with the last presidential regime that Mitterrand used to let Cardin take his palace park-ing space. Mme Chirac is a

'Young women have such good bodies that prêtà-porter is fine'

regular at Cardin's private haute couture shows. Cardin no longer allows

photographers or television into his haute couture shows. "With the Internet and communications, your designs can be stolen and copied within hours," he says. Instead, he invites a few journalists and about 120 private clients, some of whom are the nouveau riche from Brazil, China and Russia. They still come for the haute couture cut, which can be very forgiving to the mature figure.

Young women nowadays have such good bodies that pret-d-porter is fine for them," says Cardin.

He is not however, very impressed by his rivals' efforts. He riffles through photographs of his suits from the 1950s which are being ripped off once again: "I see nothing new out there, just recycling. recycling of old ideas — a lot of them mine "

Does self-esteem explain a French woman's mystique?

ver since Coco Chanel launched France's bestselling fragrance, Chaago and Marilyn Monroe later emarked that in bed she wore nothing but the fragrance, French perfume has been the first choice of women the world over. For most, French perfume enjoys an unrivalled

As a Welshman running L'Oréal, the world's largest cosmetics company, Lindsay Owen-Jones is well placed to define the elusive quality that gives the French their international pre-eminence in matters for that matter - food.

It is, he says, their essential sense of self-esteem. "The French place great value on their health and their appearance. They are prepared to than the British and they are much more demanding. They want they best they can afford, and fragrances and cosmetics are high on their lists of

French women spend five times as much as British women on body care and twice as much on each visit to their traditionally introduce their daughters to the secrets and disciplines of make-up, hair care and grooming in a way

that British women seldom do. However, the British are catching up fast in the value they attach to beauty products, says Jean-Jacques Lebel, the managing director of L'Oréal in the UK. The company's British sales - 6 per cent of the world total — have increased by 50 per cent over the past

L'Oréal was founded in 1907 by Eugène Schueller, a French chemist working in Paris, to make hair colouring. It now manufactures and markets such well-known cosmetic brands as Helena Rubinstein. Lancome, Biotherm, Redken and the fragrances of Giorgio Armani, Guy Laroche, Pal-oma Picasso and Ralph Lauren.

Lindsay Owen-Jones, who combines the rugged appearance of a Welsh rugby player with the suave charm of a Jean-Paul Belmondo, joined the company after leaving Oxford and business school is Paris. He spent his first year driving around Normandy selling sachets of Dop shampoo to municipal bath houses. RERFUME

He was appointed chairman of the board and chief executive in 1988 and cheerfully boasts that L'Oréal has recorded 11 years of growth, with the April 1996 net earnings figure standing at Fr3.4 billion (£440 million). The company prides itself on its research base and its innovative products in the fields of hair colourants, skincare, make-up

and sun pro-

Last year it took out 272 new spend five patent registra-tions, developed times more a high tolerance than we do on mascara for women with sensibody care tive eyes and launched what the company

calls a "revolutionary" nontransferring lipstick, which the risks of illicit liaisons, Now that perfume is an

verday part of most women's neighbour. I always knew when he had walked past on lives — according to a recent survey 85 per cent use it and 50 the pavement, because he left per cent dab or spray it on at

today's more subtle scents has created a booming perfume least once a day - it is strange industry with manufacturers to remember that when Coco frequently bringing out new Chanel created Chanel No 5 it scents in the hope of coming was a radical concept which up with a winner. was to revolutionise the per-But the sweet smell of success can be elusive. Of the fume industry. Its complex formula gave it a mysterious, indefinable quality, while the

addition of formaldehyde pro-Previously, simple floral fra-French women available. As fade quickly.

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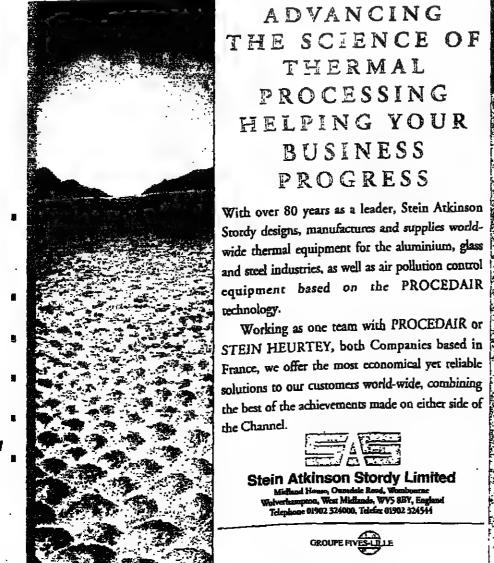
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After 12 months in office President Chirac finds himself fighting the 'feel-bad factor' on both the political and economic fronts

National Front lands a right hook

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he ruling majority is drawing up its battle plans. The left-wing to increase public spending and, hence, public deficits. A series of by-election de-Opposition is on the offensive. And the ultra-right National Front is threatening feats served to restore order to the movement. The Balladurians have fallen into line to sow panic across the politsince the start of the year, ical spectrum. Twelve months after

Jacques Chirac became the French head of state, electoral fever is once more in the air. The legislative elections may be two years away but the main parties are marking out their ground ahead of a poll that will be decisive in shaping France in the 21st century.

Will M Chirac have the legislature of his choice? Or will he have to cohabit with an aggressive Socialist government? And will Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front increase its significant influence? The Gaullist Rassemble-

ment pour la République (RPR) was created in 1976 to back M Chirac's bid to become President. Once its mission was finally accomplished, the movement wondered what it should do next.

For several months last year, it gave every impression of lacking direction and identity. Supporters of Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, called for monetary rigour and commitment to Europe. Partisans of Edouard Bailadur, his predecessor and failed presidential candidate, urged tax cuts.

Meanwhile, the RPR's rising star, Philippe Seguin, speaker of the National Assembly, seemed to be on the verge of restarting his antiMaastricht crusade with a call

Once they criticised M Juppe's controversial proposals to reduce social security spending; now they praise the plan as unavoidable. Where they moaned about the PM's lack of charisma, they now compli-ment him on his austerity. Even the Euro-sceptics have quietened down. In a party

built around the personality of M Chirac, his conversion to the cause of Euro-enthusiasm have left M Seguin and colleagues with a stark choice. Either they found themselves pushed to the fringe of the

France must expel three million immigrants to cut employment, says Le Pen

> movement or they backed the president. Mindful that if he attacked M Chirac, he destroyed his chances of becoming prime minister, M Seguin took the prudent path, arguing that since Maastricht had been retified it had to be

> What is at stake in the legislative elections is to give the President the means to fulfil the commitments he made during the election cam-paign," said M Juppe at the



Voice of youth: some Chirac supporters say the Government has let them down

beginning of May, "It is united around his record, united around his project, and united around his choice of men that the majority will go into the

it would be wrong, however, to assume that the Gaullists' problems are over. Far from it. The Socialist Opposition, led by its presidential contender. Lionel Jospin, has also put its divisions aside as it concentrates on the "disappointment" of M Chirac's year in office. Underlining the gulf

that separated campaign pledges to end France's "social fracture" and the reality of austerity budgets designed to prepare the country for European monetary union, M Jospin has tapped into a rich seam of public frustra-tion. The under-30s, whose

vote was decisive in M Chirac's triumph last May, have been particularly receptive to Socialist claims that the Government has let them down. As a result, the Gauliists are in danger of losing their majority at the elections. More disturbingly, perhaps, M Le Pen has been making similar criticisms of the government, and reaping similar dividends. His fierce anti-

immigration — and often antiimmigrant — rhetoric brought him 15 per cent of the vote in last year's presidential poll, and since then his standing seems to have increased.

Arguing that France can only hope to cut its unemployment total of three million people if it expels three million immigrants, the National Front is on course to enter the National Assembly, winning about ten seats, according to

ttempting to pull the rug from under M Le Pen's feet, Jean-Louis Debré, the Interior Minister, has ordered expulsions of several planeloads of illegal immigrants. He is considering proposals to tighten immigration laws: an option is to force arrivals from "sensitive countries" to give fingerprints at French borders. M Debré argues that his

measures are the only effective way of stemming the ultra-right tide. If they fail, traditional politics could be replaced by a more cynical struggle in which M Le Pen has the upper hand, he says. For Europe, that would be profoundly dangerous.

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Le Pen: increased standing



Jospin: public frustration

Spring offensive starts to beat the depression

Paris have raised spirits as the French economy comes out of its winter slump provoked by the widespread strikes last December.

At Saint Denis on the Al motorway, the new Fr2.6 bil-lion (£33 million) Stade de France, principal venue of the 1998 World Soccer Cup, is rapidly taking shape, fed by Fr2 billion worth of new roads and fast Metro lines.

Further north at Charles de Gaulle airport, the American parcels giant, Federal Express, s starting work on a new Frl billion complex, designed to be the main European link in a round-the-world service start-

ing this year.

The sight of cranes on the horizon has created something of a "feel-good" factor after the disappointing end to 1995, when growth slumped to 21

The economy and consumer spending in particular, picked up sharply in the first two months of this year, but has stabilised since. The Government's prediction of 1.5 per cent growth in 1996 is accepted by most independent experts. An upturn is foreseen in the second half of the year, leading to much stronger growth, per-haps in the region of 28 per cent, in 1997.

The Government is committed to draconian cuts in public spending of some Fr60 billion, but both President Chirac and Alain Juppė, his Prime Minister, have said that the tax burden will be eased from September. Jean Arthuis, the Economy Minister, is not so sure that this will be possible, but parliamentary elections in 1998 mean that the economy will be stimulated by one means or another.

The Government has managed to bring inflation under control - from 8 per cent last year, it stands at just over 2 per cent at the moment - and has recently cut interest rates.

However, unemployment stands at nearly 12 per cent, or some three million people. This is an explosive issue as many large companies, such as Alcatel Alsthorn, the

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telecommuncations giant and makers of the TGV express trains, need to restructure or downsize in order to return to

The same goes for big state groups such as Air France and French Railways which are losing huge sums, and France Télécom which makes money but which must come to terms with European telecommunications deregulation in little

more than a year.
The state's health service, la securité sociale, is running a Fr45 billion annual deficit and defies attempts at reform. Cuts are difficult given the extent of the massive transport workers strikes in December, which were motivated by planned reductions of benefits and pensions.

The main concern for France is what happens next door in Germany, its principal trading partner. Despite Germany's downturn, the French once again reported a healthy trade surplus in 1995 of Fr107 billion, some Fr20 billion higher than in 1994. The banking sector is in

modernisation are badly needed. When it comes to modernisation, the Government is setting the trend with its measures to attract foreign investment. France claims it is just as attractive as Britain for foreign investors. Jean-Daniel Tordiman, the Government's

crisis and mergers and

ble for investment, points to the \$150 billion of foreign investment in France since the early 1980s with last year's figure, some \$12 billion, higher for the first time than the amount invested by French firms abroad. Foreign enterprises, with their two million workers, provide a quarter of all manufacturing jobs and are responsible for 30 per cent

of French exports. Britain's \$195 billion of foreign investment over the same period includes reinvested profits, says M Tordiman, who travels around the world drumming up investment through his Invest in France agency, part of the Ministry of conomy and Finance.

Whatever the pros and cons of the statistical argument, France is certainly up there with Britain as the main magnet in Europe. In February, the Government removed all investment restrictions, except in the defence sector. This spring it introduced measures to make foreign investment even more attractive. These included the right of foreign companies to bring in their own managers. Companies tax status is to be fixed and stay stable, and those wishing to open shops will have a mere 15 days' delay instead of a minimum of six months.

M Tordjman admits that Britain benefited from French mistakes on restrictions in the past. "The number of foreign firms arriving here now shows that we have changed." There is a lot of activity by Japanese. American and domestic telecommunications firms in mobile phones, a market set to explode in France. Increasingly. France's engineers are switching to telecommunications and this large pool of talent has attracted 400 internationals research centres in the past few years.

M Tordiman says some European countries should stop selling Europe short because the attraction of Asia is growing and the region last year outperformed Europe in the foreign investment stakes.

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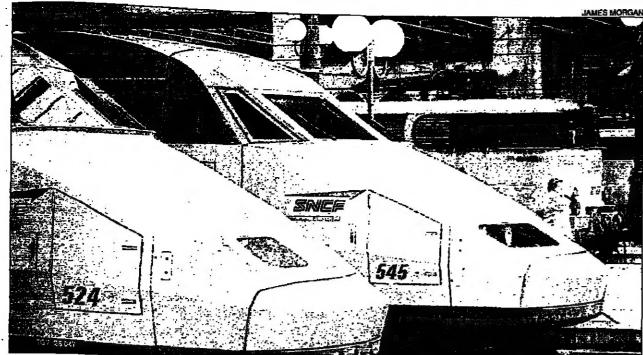
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France's TGV express trains: but Alcatel Alsthom which makes them needs to restructure in order to return to profit

rench industry has entered a period of turbulence accompanied by many doubts and just one certainty: it will not emerge in the same form.

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From aerospace to cars, and from defence to electronics, companies are facing a series of overhauls as they strive to compete with rivals abroad. With a balance of payments that shows a surplus of about Fr30 billion (£3.8 million) some of Europe's biggest firms and a wealth of know-how, the French appear well equipped for the next century.

As industry leaders themselves admit, however, appearances can be deceptive. France's brand of state directive capitalism has left it with an industrial base that is technologically impressive but commercially deficient. Dominique Mars, a Paris-based business analyst, said: "In terms of profitability, France is playing in the second division." The mergers, privat-isations and shake-ups under consideration are designed in large measure to remedy this failing. But many of the reforms are politically inspired by a Gaullist-led administration determined that France should remain a global power.

Aérospatiale is a case in point. With its 38,600 employees and its leading role in the Tolouse-based Airbus consortium, the company has its fingers in many lucrative pies. The maker of Ariane rockets, Exocet missiles, combat heli-

Turbulent time in industry

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manufacturers of televisions

in the world, and its defence

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is potentially attractive, al-

though shares are unlikely to

The Government wants to

sell Thomson without splitting

it up but the consequent

asking price, FF40 billion, is a

deterrent. Marcel Roulet, the

former head of France

Telecom appointed to pilot

Thomson's privatisation, has

been asked to draw up plans

by June. He began by sound-

ing out potential purchasers

only to be met with lukewarm

Renault once thought it

would be sold into the private

sector long before Thomson,

or AGF, the insurance group

now going through the pro-

floated just under half Re-

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should be a jewel in the French industrial crown.

Instead, it is a headache. The State, which owns 82 per cent of its capital, has been a stultifying partner, bringing in neither funds nor ideas. With losses of Frl billion last year and debts of Frib.5 billion. Aérospatiale is lagging far behind British Aerospace and the German Dasa, and this despite technical expertise on a par with any competitor.

The electronics sector is every bit as complex. Like Aérospatiale, Thomson is a strategic group with a worldwide reputation, and like Aérospatiale, is on the list of state-owned firms destined for privatisation.

Thomson's sell-off has been marked down for this year, however. sparking interest from heavyweights in France and abroad. With its multimety. However, its share price and sales have since fallen. "Renault is on hold," said a government source. The gloom deepens with the

publication of figures showing that in France the combined marker share of Renault and the Peugeot-Citroën group has fallen to about 55 per cent, while Fiat and Volkswagen have been gaining ground. "People always find that our cars are too expensive," Louis Schwietzer, Renault's chairman, said this month, "but we have to sell very complex and very rich products at mass market prices."

For France's nuclear industry, which supplies 75 per cent of the country's energy needs and exports more than Fr 15 billion worth of electricity a year, the future is clearer. The Government has committed itself to updating the country's 54 nuclear power stations at a cost of between Fr600 billion

and Fr100 billion. France's electricity supply company, EDF, which is soon to take delivery of a new EPR 2000 reactor, is likely to create a special fund to help to pay the tens of billions of francs that it will take to decommission existing nuclear power stations. The financial burden is heavy. But at least EDF knows that the strategies it has followed and the base that it has laid down are not being challenged. The same cannot be said for much of the rest of French industry.

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Pedalling through history

the French take their cycling seriously. The Tour de France is a physical tour de force. watched and cheered on by millions as the swift snake of riders winds its way around the country.

A Tour en France along the Loire organised by Explore Worldwide takes an opposite, un-French approach to cy-cling; no yellow jerseys and no entourage of television cameras, sports commentators or commercial sponsors cling to our wake. The main object is a gentle, uncompeti-tive pedal down the peaceful valley, so beloved by French kings and aristocrats that they built their castles and cultivated their vineyards close to the river there.

A car is too quick and walking rather slow for this countryside; a bicycle gives exactly the right pace to enjoy the scenery and cover the distance in the 13 days taken between Montrichard and Saumur. The route follows the river as it winds westwards through a region crowded with historical interest but with mercifully few serious hills to climb.

Our 11-strong group is met from the train from Paris at Montrichard by Graham Bullock, Explore's "meeter and greeter", repairer of punctures and support driver. His van pulls a trailer filled with a selection of hardy, multigeared bicycles which he adjusts for each rider. Light-weight safety helmets, rather like sturdy souffles, are handed round.

The routine is for luggage to be carried to the day's destination in the van, allowing the group to cycle unladen. Explore has booked rooms for the party in a variety of small. comfortable hotels along the way and provides a route plan detailed to the smallest road junction. Each morning after breakfast the day's itinerary is posted and Graham Bullock briefs the group on hazards to be expected, places of interest to visit and distances to be covered. The average daily ride is about 18 to 20 miles, although those with stouter limbs and greater enthusiasm may add on longer diversions.

Our group includes an American telephone engineer with tireless legs, an Australian restaurant manageress



Freewheeling in France through towns and countryside

and keep-fit zealot, a Yorkshire lawyer and his wife and a college lecturer who customised her bicycle with a wickerwork basket containing

a baguette wrapped in a towel, cheese and a flask of coffee. With such a cross-section of cyclists, the group soon spreads out, each rider pedalling at his or her own

Wherever possible the route steers well away from main highways, choosing instead lanes winding through open countryside or beside vineyards that spread neat as corduroy across the valley floor. In mid-September the

temperature is perfect for cycling with an autumn crispness in the air. After two days in Mont-

richard, where Richard the Lionheart was once besieged and imprisoned during the struggles between the Plantagenets and the Kings of France, the group have found their cycling legs and are wheeling their way to the Château Chenoneaux, an imposing l6th-century pile, built in the middle of the river Cher. An easy ride through forest leads to the ancient

town of Amboise. The choice on day four is between a relaxing visit to the Leonardo da Vinci museum at the Château le Clos-Luce, or a more energetic trip to the hilltop Chateau Chaumont which gives superb views across the river and surrounding woodland.

The tour becomes a delightful succession of elegant castles, with the Château at Azay and in the forest of Chinon the Château d'Usse, reputedly the setting for the Sleeping Beauty. A long freewheel down a winding hill into the medieval streets of Chinon and across the river Vienne ends at our small hotel overlooked by the fortress where Joan of Arc met and recognised the Dauphin Charles in 1429.

The route then follows lanes to Fontevraud Abbey, near where the Vienne meets the Loire and famous as the resting place of the Kings of England. Decorated tombs contain the remains of Henry II, his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine, and Richard the Lionheart.

The tour ends in a downpour at Saumur where the prospect of a hot bath in the hotel overwhelms even the attractions of a last imposing château and a display at the Ecole Nationale d'Equitation.

RONALD FAUX

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society hostess entertaining in her Paris apartment, the provincial housewife combing her village marché for the freshest local produce - and it becomes easy to understand how French produce and French recipes have gained such pre-

Like all Western European nations, however. France has not been immune to the fastfood and microwave invasion. and in recent years French eating habits have undergone several dramatic changes. Where once a three-hour lunch was considered the norm, the average Frenchman or woman often prefers to grab a snack nowadays. spending just an hour and 20 minutes a day a table. The drive towards a healthier and less fattening diet has led the French to consume considerably fewer eggs and potatoes, to reduce their sugar intake and to cut the amount of bread they eat: in the past 30 years this has fallen by half, leading bakers to make dire forecasts that if the French fail to support the baguette (virtually a national symbol) it will disappear from their shops.

Even wine consumption has fallen, with the average person getting through only 25 bottles a year instead of 90.

Struggling with the problems of recession in recent years, many French families

save money, and have turned increasingly to convenience foods, microwave dinners and even - dare it be said - the pizza delivery man.

As the French regard their culinary expertise as an important part of their patrimoine or national heritage, this shift in eating habits has generated considerable concern at the highest levels. The Culture Ministry has advised schools to introduce special gastronomic courses to encourage children, increas-ingly seduced by the instant grantication of McDonald's, to appreciate the fine products and cuisine of their region.

The revolution in eating habits has also struck at the heart of the French restaurant business, causing profound changes in the Gallic ap-proach to dining out. While the 1990s have seen many of France's most prestigious restaurants suffering from a creeping malaise in part brought on by exorbitant prices and the tendency to ruin old-fashioned ambiance with stuffy etiquette, an exciting new trend has emerged for moderately priced bistros boasting high-quality food and innovative menus. While grand restaurants such as Maxim's in Paris are half empty, many of the newer establishments, where diners can enjoy a fixed-menu lunch

for about £20 per person, have two-week waiting lists. Paris now has 19 baby bistros and more are opening in the provinces, some with distinguished chefs such as Guy Savoy and Jacques Cagna at the helm.

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Jones Boys Six clinch win after stomach-churning end to great first year of ITF

Shopping stops Jones going off his trolley

ike Jones had just come in from doing LV the shopping when Eric Cantona's late goal settled the FA Cup Final on Saturday. Jones had chosen Saturday afternoon as being the ideal time for busily hunting through the aisles of Tescos for baked beans and cans of soup convenience. He had wanted to avoid the match.

Jones, a mathematics teacher at Meadowhead Compre-hensive in Sheffield, held a slender advantage at the top of the leaderboard in Interactive Team Football (ITF) going into the final week, which com-prised just the Wernbley showpiece. He thought that Jones Boys Six, his team, was far enough ahead to hang on. provided that the final did not need a replay to resolve the outcome. At 0-0, he was worried, but Cantona's strike moments after his arrival home brought welcome relief.

"I couldn't bare to watch the match with so much at stake," Jones said. "The only way I possibly, a high-scoring game. Cantona's goal provided welcome relief, not least because I had transferred him into my team specially for the game."

Jones admitted that luck had naturally played its part in his success, but it was his conscienscious approach to monitoring fixtures sometimes weeks ahead that ensured that he stayed ahead of the

"I was constantly looking through books of statistics, checking injury reports and fixtures and even looking at disciplinary records," he said. "Mark Hughes and Roy Keane are examples of players who are very talented and always score goals, but happen to get booked too much. Their style of play tends to result in lost points through sendings off and lost time through suspensions, so, at the end of the day, they are a bad



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that finished the competition comprised: goalkeeper: K. Branagan (Bolton Wander-Branagan (Bolton Wanderers); full backs: P Neville (Manchester United), L Dixon (Arsenal); central defenders: P Albert (Newcastle United), M Wright (Liverpool); midfield players: S Watson (Newcastle United), R Earle (Wimbledon), J Redknapp (Liverpool), I Woan (Nottingham Forest); strikers: C Armstrong (Totten-ham Hotspur). E Cantona er: J Kinnear (Wimbledon).

Robbie Earle did fine service to Jones Boys Six, but it was The Jones Boys Six team manager awarded player-ofthe-year honours. Schmei-chel, like Manchester United. had a slowish start to the year. but really came good when I needed him and is probably more responsible for my suc-cess than any other single player," Jones said.

"I was forced to take him out before the Cup Final just in case the unexpected happened, but, in the end, he typically kept a clean sheet and I need not have worried."

Jones is not planning any wild celebrations as the responsibilities of bringing up his young twin boys has to be remembered, and the money will probably go to providing for the future of "Jones Boys Two" rather than extra-

Jones's joy was Richard Layton's despair. The manager of the valiant Layton's Lions had chased the winner hard for a month but, in the end, he had just too much to do to close the gap.

The two men came face to

face at the ITF awards lunch held at the themed football restaurant "Football Football" in London's Haymarket on Sunday. Layton was generous in defeat and could only reflect that "Cantona could have cost

me everything".
Third place went to Rajesh and Bhupesh Gohil, from London, whose Gohils Gods 65 team dropped away only in the closing stages. The two men admitted that the competition had given them some great thrills and they were awaiting next year's keenly. In the meantime, the Euro 96 version of the game, to be launched on Saturday in The Times, will keep them

When the contest had entered its final month, the outcome had seemed to rest between a handful of competitors, but the benefits of playing hard to the end were highlighted by Percys Progress, who. moved up to fifth overall and in so doing landed the £500



Jones receives the £50,000 ITF cheque from Mark Hughes at the ITF awards lunch on Sunday

Leading players at awards luncheon -

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LEADING players from the FA Carling Premiership gathawards lunch of the inaugural E50,000 Interactive Team Football (ITF) competition.

The ceremony, held at the newly-opened themed restaurant, "Football Football", in London's Haymarket, brought together the top ten finishers in the competition with some of football's lead-ing lights, such as Mark Hughes, of Chelsea, and Gary

Hughes presented the £50,000 winner's cheque to Mike Jones for the success of his team, Jones Boys Six, after the game in lifting the public understanding of the Pre-miership and its players to

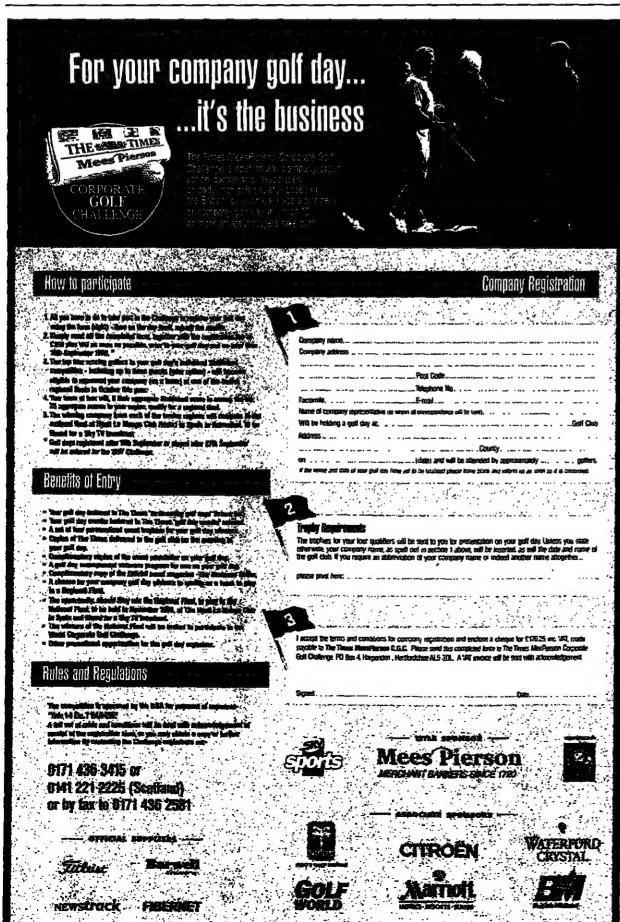
ITF is to return next season in a slightly different form and it is hoped that, through the promotion of the game in schools, pubs and other institutions, the number of players competing will be increase to far more than the 260,000 who took part in the highly

In order to maintain the interest of avid ITF players during the summer, The Times is launching a Euro 96 version of the game in a tabloid supplement that will appear on Saturday.

This competition will run over the course of the Euroand demand that ITF players display their knowledge of European football to score points in a similar fashion to the FA Carling Premiership version of the game.
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10302	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	£.30	0 0
		G	2.50	0 -31
1/3/2004	A FATTIS	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0 0
		Nottingham Forest	1.50	0 0
10401	D James	Liverpool	3.50	-1 + 57
10402	A Warner	Liverpool	0.25	0 0
10501	J Lukic	Leeds United	3.00	0 -19
10502	M Beeney	Leeds United	0.75	0 -13
10601	P Smicek	Newcastle United	3.00	0 -5
10602	M Hooper	Newcastle United	1.00	0 D
10603	S Hislop I Walker	Newcastle United	3.00	0 + 13
10701	E Thorstyedt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0 +3
10801	A Roberts	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0 0
10802	S Dykstra	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0 -7
10803	J Sommer	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0 0
10901	H Segers	Queens Park Rangers Wimbledon	1.00	0 -48
10902	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.50 0.75	0 -7
10903	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.50	0 -22
11001	B Grobbelaar	Southampton	1.50	0 0
11002	D Beasant	Southampton	0.75	0 -20
11101	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0 +6
11102	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	1.00	0 -18
11201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	0 + 36
11202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.50	0 0
11301	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 -47
11302 11401	C Woods L Miklosko	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 -6
11402	L Sealey	West Ham United West Ham United	2.50	0 -17
11501	N Southall	Everton	0.50 2.50	0 -5
11502	J Kearton	Everton	0.75	0 -2
11601	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	0 -14
11602	J Gould	Coventry City	0.75	0 0
11603	J Filan	Coventry City	1,50	0 -35
11702	A Dibble	Manchester City	2.50	0 0
11703	E immet	Manchester City	2.00	0 -39
11801	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	2.50	0 + 30
11803	M Cakes	Aston Villa	0.50	0 0
11901	A Miller	Middlesbrough	2.00	0 -2
11902	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	0,75	0 -18
12001 12002	K Branagan A Davison	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0 -71
12002	G Ward	Bolton Wanderers Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0 -6
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in the bus three	20101	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0 + 18
	20102	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	4,50	0 +3
	20103	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0 + 26
1	20104	G Croft	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0 0
at last	20201	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.50	+4+54
444 18436	20202	P Parker	Manchester United	2.50	0 +1
	20203	G Neville	Manchester United	2.50	0+22
c "Ist	20204	P Neville	Manchester United	0.75	+3+50
Complete Complete	20301	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.50	0+28
715	20302	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0+20
1 100 ju	20303	A Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0 -16
The second	20401	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0+60
******	20402	S Bjornebye	Liverpool	3.00	0 +8
	20403	S Harkness	Liverpool	0.75	0+30
100	20501	T Dorlgo	Leeds United	3.50	0+15
	20502	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	0+18
	20503	N Worthington	Leeds United	1.50	0 -2
DVed	20601	J Beresford	Newcastle United	3,00	0+11
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	20801	D Bardsley	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	0 -14
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1	21002	F Benali	Southempton	1.00	0+10
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in the	21101	S Clarke	Chelsea	1.50	0+11
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11 (10)	21105	T Phelan	Chelsea	1.50	0.+6
7	21106	D Petrescu	Chelsea	2.50	0+20
	21201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	0 +56
	21202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	0+54
	21203	S Morrow	Arsenal	1.50	0 +4
	21302	i Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 -9
	21303	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 -15
	21304	D Stefanovic	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 -4
	21401	J Dicks	West Ham United	3.50	0+26
	21402	T Breacker	West Ham United	3.00	0 -10
	21403	K Brown	West Ham United	0.75	0 +3
	21404	K Rowland	West Ham United	0.75	0+13
1 m	21501	G Ablett	Everton	2.50	0+10
	21502	E Barrett	Everton	2.50	0 +4
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	21505	M Hottiger	Everton	3.00	0 +7
Kets.	21601	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	0 +4
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g ing distant	604	M Hall	Coventry City	0.75	8- 0
	21702	R Edghill	Manchester City	1.50	0 -1
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- 10 m	21706	M Frontzeck	Manchester City	1.50	0 -12
	21801	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0 + 50
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* ''	21803	A Wright	Aston Villa	2.50	0 + 56
	21804	P King	Aston Villa	0.50	0 0
. Ja		C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.75	0 -7

22005	S McAnespie	Bolton Wanderers	0.50 0.50	0 0
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7		Team .	2m-	Pts Wk Ov
30101	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.50	0+22
30102	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0 +3
30102	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0 +5
30104	A Reed	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0 0
30105	C Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0 + 13
30201	S Bruce	Manchester United	4.50	0 + 44
30202	G Pallister	Manchester United	4.50	+4+42
30202	D May	Manchester United	1.50	+4 + 30
30301	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.50	0 + 27
30302	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0+13
30401	P Babb	Liverpool	3.00	-1 + 44
30402	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.50	0 + 41
30402	J Scales	Liverpool	3.50	0 + 49
30404	M Wright	Liverpool	1.00	0 + 45
30404	D Matteo	Liverpool	0.75	0 +8
	D Wetherall	Leeds United	3.50	0 + 26
30501 30502	C Paimer	Leeds United	3.00	0 + 13
	J Pemberton	Leeds United	1.50	0 -11
30503	P Beesley	Leeds United	1.00	0 + 10
30505 30506	R Jobson	Leads United	1.50	0 +3
30601	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.00	0 + 30
		Newcastle United	3.00	0 + 26
9,0602	S Howey D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	0 + 29
30603	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2,50	0 + 37
30701 30702	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0 + 25
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Team	(Player's name)	Pts	Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Р
Danish Dynamite	(J Molby)	521	38	Prince's Team	(A Philipps)	38
West Shambles Utd	(S Webster)	488	39	Mine Mine United	(S Hodge)	37
Nash FC	(M Powell)	471	40	Ryton Raiders	(G Gillespie)	37
Rattus Norvegicus	(S Pearce)	466	40	Eleven From Heaven	(A Limpar)	37
Dred Select	(S Morgan)	461	42	Fast Attack	(D Lee)	37
Teds Xi	(B Home)	452	43	Fergies Flyers	(D Ferguson)	36
Macs Moodies	(A McDonald)	448	44	Sabs Eleven	(S Bould)	36
Cadburys Busst	(D Busst)	440	44	T B's XI	(D Wise)	36
The Ruff Necks	(A Fox)	439	46	Sheffield City FC	(C Tiler)	36
The Moody Blues	(N Spackman)	438	47	Sheep in White Socks	(D Phillips)	35
J&FFC	(J Beresford)	436	48	Tallaght Town	(G O'Toole)	35
Southcote Old Boys	(M Allen)	430	49	Pedro's Pearls	(P Beardslev)	35
Buildock Toon	(S Stone)	428	50	Smokin Cigars	(N Zelic)	35
Dodgy Barnets Eleven	(J Berestord)	423	51	The Flair Boys	(L Clark)	34
Pure Silk	(T Sinclair)	423	52	Hitchys XI	(K Hitchcock)	33
Mbl's	(D Peacock)	421	52 53			
Poelvo	(M Kennedy)	421		Complete Madness	(S Chettle)	33
J C's Superstars	(S Clarks)	414	53	Keepers Greapers	(S Ogrizovic)	33
Bruces Bonus	(A Hinchcliffe)	412	55	The True Vikings	(S Bjornebye)	33
The Bluenoses	(J Spencer)	410	56	Pie Men	(J Parkinson)	33
Kansas City Kings	(T Breaker)	409	57	The Lepricoms	(K Gillespie)	33
Robs Rockets	(R Lee)	409	58	Kirkby Krunchers	(A Stubbs)	32
The Warriors	(S Dykstra)	407	59	Craigs Crackers	(G Strachan)	31
The Fab 12	(F Defreitas)	407	60	Kit & Kaboodie	(J Moncur)	31
Quango Utd	(B Borrows)	403	60	Teffon Town	(K Branagan)	31
Fantasina	(D Platt)	402	62	Raggy Rovers	(J Darby)	30
Toshy's Welsh Terrie	(i Rush)	401	63	Smart Team	(J Gould)	30
The Crazy Boys	(N McDonald)	398	64	Gemmas Gems	(G Strachan)	30
Whittys Winners	(S Whittaker)	392	85	Spice Islanders	(B Batson)	29
Avenue Foch Town FC	(M Crossley)	391	66	Manchester Marauders	(A Pickering)	29
Elly's Eggs	(R Elliott)	390	67	Lifes A Pitch	(B Marwood)	29
Cracker Jacka	(S Elliott)	389	68	Goalies 11	(D Seaman) .	26
Goochies	(N Southall)	389	69	Ryton Wanderers	(P Shilton)	28
Barkers Follies	(S Barker)	389	70	Foreign United	(R Sneekes)	28
Silver Band Club XI	(T Blake)	383	71	One Footed Wonders	(D Fairclough)	26
Squark Hubbes	(D Dichio)	382	72	Steamo Utd	(J Williams)	26
Idsh Connection	(W Boland)	381	73	Champagne Charles	(S Osbom)	25

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30801	D Maddix	Queens Park Rangers	1,50	0 -13	4
30802	S Yates	Queens Park Rangers	1,50	0 -11	4
30803	A McDonald	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	0 +6	4
30805	K Ready	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0 -5	4
30901	A Reeves	Wimbledon	2,50	0 -2	4
30902	A Thorn	Wimbledon	0.75	0 -5	4
30903	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.75	0 -8	4
30904	C Perry	Wimbledon	1.00	0 -13	4
30905	A Pearce	Wimbledon	2.50	0 +1	Ā
31001	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	0+17	- 2
31002	A Neilson	Southampton	1.50	0 + 16	4
31003	R Hall	Southampton	1,50	0+15	2
31101	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	0 +9	4
31102	J Kjeldbje rg	Chelsea	1,50	0 0	4
31103	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	0 +5	7
31104	D Lee	Chelsea	0.75	0+20	- 5
31105	M Duberry	Chelsea	2.50	0 +1	1
31201	T Adams	Arsenal	4.50	0+27	1
31202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	0 + 23	- 4
31203	M Keown	Arsenal	1.50	0+37	- 1
31204	A Linighan	Arsenal	1.50	0+18	- 9
31301	D Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 0	- 4
31303	J Newsome	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 0	4
31401	S Potts	West Ham United	2.50	0+13	- 5
31402	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	0+14	4
31403		West Ham United	1.00	0+19 0 0	4
31405	A Whitbread S Bilic	West Ham United West Ham United	1.50	0 0 0 +4	4
31406 31501	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	0+39	4
31502	D Watson	Everton	2,50	0+27	- 4
31502	C Short	Everton	2.50	0+13	- 4
31602	D Rennie	Coventry City	0.75	0 -7	4
31603	D Busst	Coventry City	0.75	0 +5	4
31604	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.50	0 -15	- 4
31605	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	0 -9	4
31606	L Dalsh	Coventry City	1.50	0+14	4
31701	K Curle	Manchester City	1.50	0 +8	4
31702		Manchester City	1.00	0 -3	4
31704	K Symons	Manchester City	1.50	0 + 13	4
31801	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	2.50	0 + 39	4
31802	P McGrath	Aston Villa	1.50	0+28	4
31804	C Tiler	Aston Villa	0.75	0 +1	4
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	0.75	0 + 14	4
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	0.75	0 + 17	4
31903	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	0 0	4
31904	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	0.75	0+15	4
32001	A Stubbs	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0 + 12	4
32002	C Fairclough	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0 -20	4
32003	S Coleman	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0 -1	4
32004	G Taggart	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0 -10	4
32005	G Strong	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0 0	4
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4.50		40103	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	0+15
1.50	+4+30	40104	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0+40
3,50	0+27	40105	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0+37
3.00	0+13	40107	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0 +4
3.00	-1 +4 4	40109	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0+10
3.50	0+41	40110	L Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	0 + 37
3.50		40111	W McKinlay	Blackbum Rovers	2.50	0 + 16
1.00		40112	G Fenton	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0+16
0.75		40113	G Flitcroft	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0 + 24
3.50		40201	R Giggs	Manchester United	5.50	+2+81
3.00		40202	R Keane	Manchester United	2.50	+2+49
1.50		40203	L Sharpe	Manchester United	3,00	0 + 47
1.00		40205	N Butt	Manchester United	2.00	+2+47
1,50		40206	D Beckham	Manchester United	0.75	+2+54
4.00		40207	S Davies	Manchester United	0.75	0 +1
3.00		40302	C Bart-Williams	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0 + 48
3.00		40303	i Woan	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0+68
2.50		40304	S Stone	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0+61
2.50		40305	D Phillips	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0+21
0.75		40306	S Gemmill	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0+38
0.75	0 0	40307	K Black	Nottingham Forest	1,00	0 +1
0.50	0 0	40308	S Howe	Nottingham Forest	0,75	0 0
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71	One Footed Wond	ers (D Fairclough)		26
72	Steamo Utd	(J Williams)		26
73	Champagne Charl	es (S Osbom)		25
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Code	Name	Teem	£mi -	Pls.
40401		Liverpool	6.50	+1+82
40402	J Redknapp	Liverpool	2.50	0+34
40403		Liverpool	3.00	+1+68
40405 40409		Liverpool Liverpool	1.50 2.00	0+32
40411		Liverpool	4.00	+1+53
40501		Leeds United	4.00	0+68
40502 40503		Leeds United Leeds United	4.00 2.50	0+45 0+26
40505		Leeds United	0.75	0+15
40506		Leeds United	0.50	0 +6
40507		Leeds United Leeds United	1.00	0 +2 0+10
40508		Newcastle United	4.50	0+62
40603		Newcastle United	4,50	0+49
40604		Newcastle United	4.00	0+36
40605 40607		Newcastle United Newcastle United	1.50 1.50	0+35 0+29
40608		Newcastle United	0.75	0 0
40609	R Elliott	Newcastle United	0.75	0 +7
40610	the same of the sa	Newcastle United	1.50	0+44 0+10
40701		Tottenham Hotspur Tottenham Hotspur	6.50 1.50	0+40
40703		Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0+33
40705		Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0 +7
40707 40708		Tottenham Hotspur Tottenham Hotspur	6.00 2.00	0+56 0+19
40801		Queens Park Rangers	2.50	0+36
40802		Queens Park Rangers	2.50	0+24
40803		Queens Park Rangers Queens Park Rangers	1.50 3.00	0+35 0+48
40808		Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0 +1
40809		Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0 +9
40810		Queens Park Rangers Wimbledon	0.75 2.00	0 0
40901		Wimbledon	2.50	0+67
40903		Wimbledon	1.50	0+45
40904		Wimbledon Wimbledon	2.50 0.75	0+44 0 +4
40906		Wimbledon	0.75	0 +3
41001	A	Southampton	3.00	0+57
41002		Southampton	2.00	0+18
41003 41005		Southampton Southampton	0.75	0 +9
41006		Southampton	1.00	0+31
41007	DECRET A MINE WATER TO THE PARTY OF THE PART	Southampton	1.50	0+24
41008	and the same of th	Southampton	1.50 5.00	0 +7 0+54
41101		Chelsea Chelsea	4.00	0+58
41103		Chelsea	3.00	0+40
41104		Chelsea	1.50	0 +1
41105		Chelsea	0.75	0+15
41106 41108		Chelsea Chelsea	1.00	0+32
41201		Arsenal	4,00	0+26
41202		Arsenal	4.00	0+63
41204		Arsenal	2.00	0+21
41205		Arsenal	1.00	0 0 0 +6
41206 41207		Arsenal Arsenal	1.00	0+16
41208	The state of the s	Arsenal	4.50	0+48
41209		Arsenal	1.50	0 +2
41301	J Sheridan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0+14
41303		Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0+32
41304	•	Sheffield Wednesday Sheffield Wednesday	2.50 1.50	0+18 0 +5
41305 41306	_	Sheffield Wednesday	0.75	0 0
41307		Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	0 +2
41308	L Briscoe	Shelfield Wednesday	0.75	0+23
41309		Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0+35
41401		West Ham United West Ham United	3.00 1.50	0+21 0+48
41406		West Ham United	1.00	0 0

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41406 D Gordon

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41410 S Lazarides

Code	Name	Team	Em Wk Ov
41412		West Ham United	1.00 0+33
41413 41501		West Ham United Everton	4.00 0 +7 5.00 0+33
41502		Everton	1.50 0+40
41503 41504		Everton Everton	2.50 0+28 1.50 0+29
41505		Everton	1.50 0 +5
41506 41508		Everton Everton	1.00 0+41 0.50 0+16
41509		Everton	6.00 0+78
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NEWS

Test-tube babies for HIV mothers

■ Britain's leading test-tube baby doctor blew open the ethical debate on fertility treatments yesterday by offering to help HTV-positive women to conceive. Professor Robert Winston has already treated a former heroin user and says he has several other infected patients on his books.

His decision prompted immediate calls for tighter controls on the clinics which treat 18,000 infertile women a year, although the British Medical Association said that doctors

Gas price curbs 'would threaten jobs'

About 10,000 jobs would be at risk if tough price curbs were forced on British Gas, the company said after the industry regulator revealed plans to cut customers' bills by about £50 a year. British Gas shares slumped 27p to 201p Pages 1, 27

Labour shake-up

A radical shake-up of the workings of Parliament, including the abolition of the long summer recess and substantially increased powers for Commons committees, is to be proposed by Labour, Page I

Controversial bishop

The Rev John Broadhurst, one of the strongest opponents of women priests in the Church of England, is to be appointed bishop Page 1

Teacher's terror

A teacher's attempts to fire her pupils' imagination by staging a fake terrorist attack on their school backfired when the children cried and complained to their .. Page 1 parents..

Murder retrial

Sara Thornton, 41, who denies murdering her husband, was portrayed as a pathological liar and compulsive attention-....Page 3

Father sues

A father is to sue an education authority for failing to provide his son with proper schooling after teachers barred the boy because of violence.

Legal crisis

Crown Prosecution Service lawyers want to meet the Attorney-General and Solicitor-General about "day-to-day crisis management" in the courts Page 6

Plea to Vatican

Roman Catholic leaders in Britain have urged the Vatican to announce a successor to the late Archbishop of Liverpool quickly to end the speculation they believe is causing rifts within the

Hardy season

Directors and producers are avidly rereading Thomas Hardy's classics in a rush to make them into films as popular with audiences as Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility.....

Chirac sympathy

On the eve of his three-day state visit to Britain, President Chirac expressed sympathy for British cattle farmers and said France would back any relaxation of the beef ban approved at a European level Pages 11, 16, 20-23

Death on Everest

Rob Hall, 35, the leading New Zealand mountaineer, bade a poignant farewell to his pregnant wife by radio before apparently dying near the summit of Mount Everest, which he had climbed five times

Mandela ministers President Mandela, facing criti-

cism of his leadership and government's performance. attempted to consolidate the ANC's grip on power by rewarding favourite ministers with portfolios abandoned by the National Party ..

French singers Scotch chauvinism

France has dropped its centuries old tradition of cultural chauvinism by choosing a Scottish woman to represent it in the Eurovision song contest to be held in Oslo on Saturday. Britain's entry is to be sung by Gina G. an Australian: Austria's song is a gospel number, while Iceland's entry is based on



Competitors in a wheelchair marathon from Land's End to John O'Groats launch their journey at Kensington Palace yesterday. Simon Barnes, left, Mark Reynolds and Chris Madden were seen off by the Princess of Wales, to raise cash for spinal research

BUSINESS

Gas: Doubts hung over the future of TransCo, the profitable pipelines division of British Gas, and of the restructuring of the whole company after yesterday's price control plans from Ofgas proved to be tougher than expected Page 27

Ageism: Business leaders launched an initiative to end age discrimination at work - aithough they ruled out new legislation to outlaw ...Page 27

Economy: Prices charged by British factories in April showed their lowest annual growth since December 1994 despite a surge in the cost of imported crude oil and food. City economists predicted that retail price inflation would continue to drop in the months ahead, helping to keep base rates low. Page 27

SPORT

THE TIMES TODAY

Rugby union: Neil Back was suspended for six months by the Rugby Football Union for his petulant push on Steve Lander, the referee, at the end of the Pilkington Cup Page 52

Football: Ken Bates, Chelsea's chairman, appears to have the upper hand in his power struggle with Matthew Harding, one of the club's leading directors_.....Page 52

Cricket: David Follett took eight for 22, the best bowling figures at Lord's for 20 years, as Middlesex dismissed Durham for 67, their lowest total as a first-class ..Page 52

Golf: Laura Davies was celebrating her third major title, the Mc-Donald's LPGA Championship, after her best final

ARTS

Morris mania: The Victoria and Albert Museum leads a celebration of William Morris. His centenary year is marked by a reassessment of his interior design Page 44

Cannes delights: Mike Leigh's new movie, Secrets and Lies. leads a strong lineup of British films in competition at the Cannes Festival, while Robert Altman falls flat with his new Kansas CityPage 45

Doctor's friend: Maureen Lawrence's new two-hander Resurrection, now at the Bush Theatre, is a gauche look at the life of the 18thcentury "noble savage" Francis Barber

Going strong: The octogenarian composer Henri Dutilleux takes part in a London festival of French

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

summer: classic styles of

technology: how Britain

space race . . . plus, win

two multimedia PCs,

FASHION

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INTERFACE

flattering swimwear

In our guide to new

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each worth £1,600

FEATURES

A real find: Thousands of people flock to the Antiques Roadshow hoping that their offering might appear on TV. Is it for fame or knowlege that they queue for

BODY AND MIND

Here comes summer, day two: Does what you eat really affect your health, behaviour and pers-

Dr Thomas Stuttaford: Regular use of tobacco and alcohol can cause cancer of the tonsils. Page 14

LAW

Wonderlandish reasons: Inquest law seems wary of going further than a death by natural causes Pages 37, 39

UNIVERSITY GUIDE Price of place: The price of a university place, the best summer jobs and the different living styles of

university towns...... Pages 42, 43

THE PAPERS According to reliable sources

China is preparing to begin a new nuclear test on its site at Lop Nor. Although this country is, of all the nuclear powers, the one which has carried out the least number of tests, it cannot put itself so obviously in contradiction with the sensitivity of the era on such a subject without submitting to major international disgrace. - Le Monde

Preview: John Pilger goes on an undercover mission to expose atrocities in Burma. Network First (ITV, 10.40pm). Review: Peter Barnard enjoys a gene hunt with Professor Steve Jones Page 51

Prophets of Prague

OPINION_25

The rising exasperation with the West in Europe's new democracies aids the return of communists. some less reformed than others. The Prague congress did well to

Clown and Broke

The position of Chancellor is not a popular one. Nor does it seem that the Shadow role brings much more in the way of plaudits. Kenneth Clarke and Gordon Brown have both suffered a barrage of criticism from their respective parties as the force of economic orthodoxy has pushed the policies of the two ... Page 17 together

The Auld Alliance

Karen Matheson may sing this Saturday in Breton, a sister tongue of. Gaelic, but for most Scots songs of Celtic solidarity will remain what they sing at Parkhead when Rang-... Page 17

STATE OF THE STATE

LIBBY PURVES

While useless governmental agencles shadow-box endlessly about Spanish trawlers, the World Wide Fund for Nature has entered into an agreement with Unilever - the world's biggest seafood supplier to set up the Marine Stewardship Council, an independent body which intends to "establish a broad set of principles for sustainable fishing and set standards for individual fisheries".....Page 16

ANATOLE KALETSKY

The French seem to have won their long battle with the Bundesbank. It now looks as if the single currency will be created on French terms with the Maastricht target softened, and European currencies devalued against the dollar and .Page 16:

COUNTARIES : ...

Nnamdi Azikiwi, former President of Nigeria; Joan Thirkettle, ITN news reporter Page 19

LEFFERS

British trade options outside EU; long-term care reforms; Chaplaincy rules on homosexuals ... Page 17.

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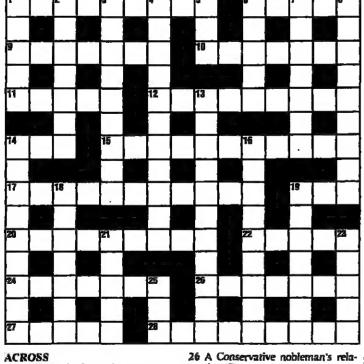
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- 10 A worry with computer memory - it's rearranged characters (7). 11 Searches throughout earth for
- olutions (5). 12 Broadcast of Lucretia Borgia's No. 3 on the network (9).
- 14 1 Kings appears to be provocative 7. 15 Want a little money once for first
- part of repayment (11). 17 Eager consumer's payment mostly pinched by crooked mer-
- 19 What's visible from position on board (even though docked)? (3).
- 20 These are translatable as "sliding"
- 22 Uninspiring religious observance at front of temple (5).
- 24 Silly clipped way of speaking, a nervous response (7). Solution to Puzzle No 20,166

- tion (7).
- 27 Farmers overlooking nothing in the country (5). 28 Teacher's first instruction to economics student may be routine
- work (9).
- Suggestion's inappropriate, meet-ing hesitation (5). 2 It restricts movements of rower or
- limits a rugby forward (7). 3 Sort of music from harp disco oddly used (9).
- 4 Changing shape involves skin mostly being constrained to fit (11). Agreement with conclusions of
- jury and vice versa (3). Man's name - it is visible in the
- 7 Rock singer's traditional stuff sure to be forgotten in more relaxed
- 8 Notes from me, and doctor hur ried to lawyer (9).
- 13 A crowded reign? (11). 14 Trying it out, injecting Ecstasy? So
- much for upright attitude! (9). 16 Bun without topping? Without topping and overlooked (9).

18 Preference for flower? It is found

- in a tree (7). 19 I'm consumed by terrible lust, one providing incentives (7). 21 Demonstrated a fabric (5).
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will have a dry sunny day after any early-morning mist or fog patche clear away. Temperatures will be a degree or so down on yesterday's and winds will be light. Much of Scotland, along with Northern ireland will also be dry,

☐ General: England and Wales

but there will be a few light showers in places exposed to the north and west. Overnight there will be rather less mistiñess, but there will be a widespread ground frost with air frost in well sheltered

🗋 London, E Midlands, W Midlands, S Wales, Central N England: dry with clear or sunny spells after early mist. Winds light

to moderate, northeasterly. Max 15C (59F).

□ SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E England, Channel Isles, SW England:

Wind light to moderate, northeasterly. Max 14C (57F), cooler

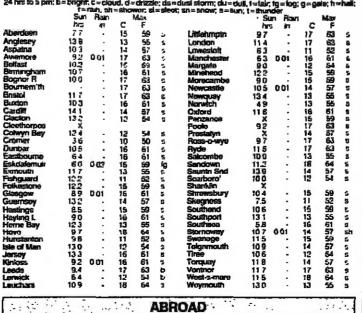
N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow: dry with clear or sunny spells after early mist clears. Wind light, east or north-easterly. Max 14C (57F).

■ NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen: clear or sunny spells with perhaps a shower. Wind light to moderate, northwesterly. Max 11C (52F).

Central Highlands, Moray
Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW
Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N
Ireland: clear or sunny spells and showers, perhaps wintry on higher ground, clearer later. Wind

moderate, northwesterly. Max 12C (54F) ☐ Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: remaining mainly dry. showers in the north.

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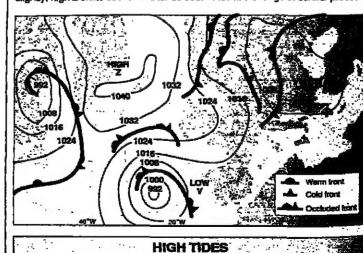


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